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LATE AND SPICY NEWS ITEMS GLEANED BY OUR HUSTLING AGENTS--NOTES THAT

WILL PLEASE OUR MANY READERS

"Swell Affairs" in the Social Realm That Demand Special Notice--Professional Life

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Mrs. Geo. Ingram and Miss Bertha Stepenson entertained, last Sunday evening, March 17, with lemon tea at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Ingram, 45 McKinley street, for the benefit of the new church enterprise club. The charming simplicity of the table made it one of the attractive features of the affair. The tables were decorated with yellow tissue paper shaped into a diamond, scaloped with little pigs all around that were made out of lemons, the center of the table being occupied by a handsome silver candelabrum with yellow silk and silver filigree shades. At 4 o'clock the guests were invited in the dining hall, where delicious refreshments were served to a queen's taste. We congratulate the hostess.

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The ball that was given by the Memphis M. N. P. C. at Odd Fellows' Hall, last Monday night, was the swellest affair of the season. The affair was a delightful one, characterized by a congeniality and absence of formality—both unusal and charming. The hall was decorated in jonquils, and the candelabrum and chandeliers had jonquil yellow shades. Tempting refreshments were served during the evening, while the sweet strains of music filled the air with sweet melodies, while the dancers enjoyed themselves tripping the fantastic toe.

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Mr. L. W. Wims is on the sick list this week.

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George Smith has spared no pains in remodling his place to make it the center of attraction of our city. Mr. Smith has spent quite a large sum of money in trying to beautify his place so it will please the public at large. Now, to show your appreciation, and to let him know that you do appreciate good treatment, call on him often. Mr. Smith is our friend, and you know it is the only place that you can be served properly. He has always on hand the best meals in our city for the money. He sets a beautiful table, decorated with all the delicacies of the season. Mr. Smith is thinking about putting in a swell soda fountain. Say, girls, won't that be nice?

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Isham's Famous Octoroons presented the timely and progressive grand comedy spectacle, in three parts, entitled "King Rastus," at the Auditorium. This being the first time that the company came South they were greeted with such success. At the former production both star and company were extensively reviewed. Much more might be easily written. The play is such a good one. The characters stand out with such pleasant distinctiveness that it will always be a pleasure to comment upon the production of King Rastus. Mr. Ed Harris is certainly an agreeable actor, one of the best, in fact, that the stage offers. His comedy is natural and punctuated with spontaneous flashes of sympathy, which gives to it an unusual artistic value. His song, "Asleep in the Deep," was bewitchingly rendered. The whole company was good, the best that ever came South.

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Will James is on the sick list by having a blood poisoned hand, and he is missed from his place of business a great deal.

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Will Jones and his eminent quartette left last week for Missouri, where they will fill one week's engagement.

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COMING EVENTS.

A gala day with the merry minstrels. A laughing cyclone. A minstrel earthquake. The Rusco & Holland's original Nashville Students combined with Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival will play a two night's engagement at the Auditorium, commencing April 1, 1901. Matinee Tuesday. Watch for the pleasing pageant. Monster street parade. Don't forget the date, April the first. Get in line, boys.

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Ashford Exchange is the headquarters for all professional men. Call and see them when you are in town.

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The Twilight Social Club of Collin's Chapel was delightfully entertained last Monday night by Miss Lucy Boyd at her home on Polk street. After the meeting adjourned delicious refreshments were served in the dining room. Afterwards games and music occupied the attention of the club members. The visitors present were Wm. Maxwell, Mr. Bradford and Mr. Hailey. J. L. Brinkley, captain, Miss Minnie Mooty, assistant captain.

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Mrs. Robert Caruthers is on the sick list this week, but we hope that she will soon recover.

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The Florence is still alive, A. White & C. Lipscomb, proprietors, successors to James J. Goins & Co. They handle the best of high grade liquors and wines. In connection with the saloon they have fitted up a nice set of rooms up stairs for club rooms, where you can go and amuse yourself by reading good literature. They are always open to their friends. They have spared no pains in trying to select a man as manager for the club. The man who they have selected is a gentleman of importance, a man who is well known in our city and a man that has a host of friends, a man that is polite and generous and makes friends fast. He is capable of the position. The gentleman whom we speak of is our friend Jack Goins. We wish you much success, Jack. His headquarters are at 154 Beale street.

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R. A. Russel and wife from Mississippi are visiting in the city. They will be glad to have their friends call at 210 Vance street.

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If you want your pictures enlarged call on Mrs. C. B Puckett, 522 Manassa street. All work done in the latest style.

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Geiselman & Somers, the druggists, are worthy of the colored trade as they are courteous to all. Main and Beale street.

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The grand ball given at Odd Fellows' Hall, Monday evening, by the M. N. P. club met with a grand success. Prize waltz won by Mr. Joe Hardy and Miss Maud Payton; prize york won by Mr. Booker Allen and Miss Ethel Gaston; prize polka won by Mr. Robert Taylor and Miss Weggie Wilson. The guests present were Misses Bulah Chaffers, Elnora Dunlap, Marie Mullen, Eloren Grey, Sallie Greenall, Mamie Watson, Jessie Scruggs, Leila Starklin and Miss Goodman, Messrs. A. Hutchinson, J. Ashley, Ed Kirk, Robert Cannon, Ed Hutchinson, W. Davis, G. Washington, S. C. Davis, H. Blackburn, P. H. Montgomery, B. Thomas and D. Cook.

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The Tabernacle Baptist Church, on Turley street, Rev. N. H. Pius pastor, was the scene of a large gathering of people last Monday, March 18. They were there to hear the lecture by Rev. James Careah, of Dondoogom, Ceylon. He represents the N. B. F. M. Board of the National Baptist Convention of Louisville, Ky. The speaker told of incidents of his native land in a way which held his audience spellbound for two hours.

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The Freeman representative is in possession of spoon, cup and saucer, presented by Mr. George Gates, of the 37th Volunteer Regiment, in the Philippine Islands. These things were captured from a band of insurgents.

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A movement is on foot to organize an Afro-American Press Association here during the days of the Confederate reunion next May. A meeting will be called next Monday night to perfect arrangements.

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Dr. C. H. Shelby, a young physician, who graduated with highest honors from Meharry College, is now located at 20 Echol street. In a few weeks he and Dr. J. C. Clark, den-

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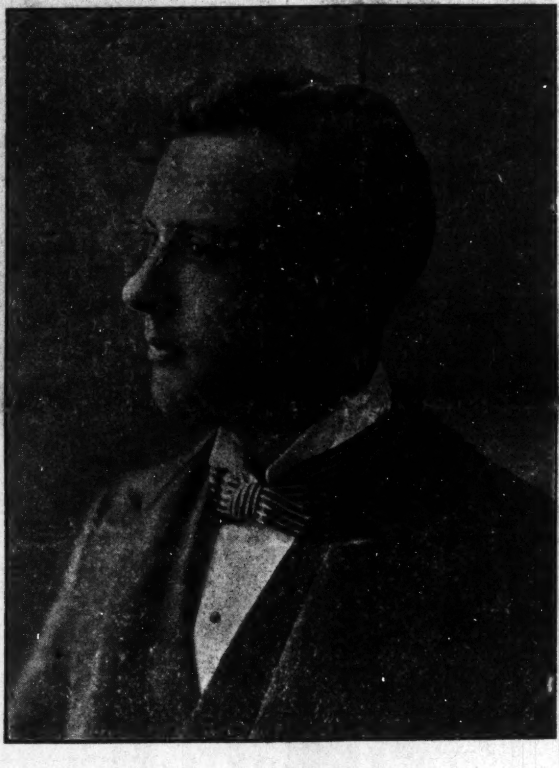

REV. R. E. JONES, B. D.,

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FROM PADUCAH

DOINGS OF THE RACE IN THE "BLUE GRASS" STATE--ITEMS OF INTEREST

EVENTS THAT WILL OCCUR IN

The Different Elements of Society--Sick Listed--Death of a Good Woman--Other News

Paducah, Ky., Special.—Frances Lewis, who has been on the sick list, is able to be out again. Flem Steele, S. W. Hester, Ben Leggis and Misses Lizzie O'Neal and A. T. Holland are new subscribers to The Freeman. John Simes, of 1046 Court street, is much improved. Henry Williams of South 10th street is on the sick list. Little Miss Mable Wright, of Trimble street, is on the sick list. Jonah McKnight, formerly of this city but has lately lived in Cairo, Ill., has moved back here to live at 1309 S. 10th street. Mrs. Marion Price, who has had charge of the Str. U. S. Suter, has laid the boat up at Chester, Ill., and returned home, on Husbon street, last Sunday, looking better than ever. Will Robtson, the colored brakeman who was crushed in the collision on the I. C. R. R., last week, is able to be out again. Get The Freeman from David, or the boy on Market, each Saturday evening for Sunday's reading; price 5 cents cash. Help the Negro press. David Pitman's quartette and jubilee singers are at 500 S. 7th street, instead of 700 S. Adam street, as published in last week's issue. Say, E. H., are you running out the way, regular or extra? After a long absence they meet again to wed at Princeton Ky., April 10; the bride being of Paducah, groom of Owensboro, Ky.; guess you Freeman readers. They say that the assistant superintendent of the street railway lost his position last week by allowing a colored employee to bring an extra motor car through Broadway under his control; bad for the Negro's friend. Ed. Owens, formerly of this city but now residing at Evansville, Ind., is barber on the Str. Joe Fowler, and wishes to see his friends of the city. Miss Mary E. Cooke would like to hear from Mrs. Tom Steele of Owensboro, Ky., through The Freeman. Say, you had your photos made, now give them to the parties you promised; they are not so ugly as you think. Pay for your paper and read it, as it is growing stronger all the time. Misses Lena and Desma Roberts, Lottie A. Reed and Laberta Jones, of Metropolis, Ill., and Misses Gertrude Jenkins and Carrie Chiles, of Cairo, Ill., are expected in the city Easter to be the guest of Miss Mamie L. Brooks. A social was given last Thursday evening, and a grand time was experienced by all. Miss Zoye Bradley is on the sick list. P. R., has begun smiling, for he was told that Miss G. J., of Cairo, would be in the city Easter. The commencement exercises of the classes of 1901 will be held at the La Belle opera room on the 18 of June. Prompt pay, good news; bad pay, no news at all, so please pay David. The program which was rendered last Friday evening at Lincoln high school was excellent; one will also be rendered every Friday by the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th divisions of the 9th grade. Miss Alva Allen is on the sick list. Mrs. Flora Turner, the beloved wife of C. H. Turner, departed this life Saturday morning at 1:36 o'clock at their residence on 11th street. She was a loving wife and mother and a true friend. She leaves to mourn her, a mother, a husband and 9 children.

We loved her, yes, we loved her,
But the angels loved her more,
And they have sweetly called her
To yonders shining shore.

Misses Laura and Hattie Brown are on the sick list. We are looking for a wedding next week on S. 7th street; watch! as far as concerned a Paducah and Mayfieldian.

Terre Haute's Jottings.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—Bishop A. Grant, of the A. M. E. church, arrived in the city Saturday evening and filled the pulpit at Allen chapel Sunday morning and at the Second church in the evening, and lectured at Allen Chapel Monday evening. Rev. Henson of the Second A. M. E. church has just closed a very successful revival. John T. Rice and Henry Robison, of Greenville, Ky., have opened up a very nice saloon at No. 1032 S. 13½ street. The M. E. church gave an entertainment last Saturday evening. Rev. B. Farrell, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church of Indianapolis, is in the city on business this week.

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EDITED BY

W. FORREST COZART.

Smith Williams, known as one of the best transient table waiters in the West, has resumed his station at the Knutsford, Salt Lake City, Utah, after a severe attack of la grippe.

The Tavern, at Salt Lake City, Utah, is the finest cafe west of Kansas City, and employs colored waiters, who are giving the best of satisfaction under the guidance of Mr. W. Brown, who is headwaiter.

S. Lindsey, of Salt Lake City, has the demand in that city from the "400" for party service.

Captain Walter Epps, for many years headwaiter at the Aragon Hotel cafe, Atlanta, Ga., and will also be remembered as the manager of the cafe in the Negro Building at the Atlanta International Exposition in 1895, died in that city last Thursday night of consumption. He was a prominent member of the Headwaiters' Union.

STAFF OF HOTEL BON AIR, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.

Bellman Force—Head Bellman A. W. Ray (past season), New York; filled similar position at Kent House, Lakewood, N. Y. He has held that position for three seasons, and will return the coming season. This is Mr. Ray's third season at the Bon Air. He is a progressive and efficient officer.

F. W. Harris, first captain, Augusta, Georgia.

Joe Burggs, New York.

M. A. McNichols, Washington, D. C.

Chas. Kieth, second captain.

Wm. Murry, Augusta, Ga.

John Williams, Augusta, Ga.

Middle Man—Wm. Bunch, Augusta, Georgia.

Elevator Man—Thos. Sims, Augusta, Georgia.

Special Messenger—James Smith, Augusta, Ga.

Mr. Ray takes the above named crew East every season with an addition of six more men.

Charles J. Ross, lyric tenor, with the Down Mobile Company, was the guest of W. Forrest Cozart at the Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio, while playing in that city recently.

Wm. R. Jackson, the caterer of Cleveland, Ohio, attended the second inauguration of President McKinley. Mr. Jackson also made a visit to his old home in Virginia.

George R. Crawford, late headwaiter in the House Restaurant, Washington, D. C., has returned to his home in Boston, Mass.

Andrew Broadus Cozart is a new arrival at the house of Mr. and Mrs. W. Forrest Cozart, Cleveland, Ohio. He arrived at 5 o'clock a. m. March 19, and, like the average traveler and hotel guest, he registered a big "kick." At this writing both mother and baby are doing well. Who said cigars?

T. W. H. St. Johns, a colored headwaiter, who is now residing in Cleveland, Ohio, was recently given a very complimentary write up by the Sunday Leader of that city. The Leader said, in part: "Mr. St. Johns has been steward of the White House at Washington under Presidents Harrison and Arthur, and has prepared terrapin soup and croquets for Queen Victoria; has been employed as butler by some of the richest families of the East. He was born in France, and speaks seven languages." Space prevents us from giving the article in full.

C. H. McCard, headwaiter at Newell's Hotel, Pittsburg, Pa., held his ninth training service and lecture March 21, which was very highly approved by the side men and proprietor. Mr. McCard deserves the heartiest co-operation of all headwaiters of every hotel. The program was a seven course dinner by Mr. Edward E. Taylor, side waiter. Critics, W A. Burton and John Berry. The critic's objection was only to the placing of the napkins, but as they could not give a satisfactory reason for their objection, it was overruled by the headwaiter, and bill marked 100 or perfect. The following is the

MENU:

Manhattan Cocktails,
Blue Points on the Half Shell,
Consomme Printinenaire,
Filet of Sole Tartar Sauce,
Parissian Potatoes.
Pontet Canet, Sweet Bread on Toast,
French Peas,
Sirloin Steak, Sauce Bordilaise,
Champaign,
Hashed Browned Potatoes,
Tomato Salad, French Dressing,
Black Coffee, Cigars.

W. R. Harris, a well-known Cleve'and headwaiter, acted headwa ter at the Hotel Metropole, Detroit, Mich., during S. A. William's two week's vacation.

C. A. Martin is at present headwaiter at the Chittenden Hotel, Columbus, O., where he succeeded "Dick" Faulkner. It is rumored that Capt. Thos. H. Frazier is going to be headwaiter at the Chittenden, and Martin will be his second.

The general cry is more and better European plan colored waiters. It is strange that outside of Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburg and Detroit colored European plan waiters are scarce.

Charles McCard, headwaiter at Newell's Hotel, Pittsburg, Pa., has what he calls "Mock Service" every Thursday afternoon. The waiters are assembled in the main dining hall and a regular European plan menu is given to one or two waiters, and they are required to serve the didner to the waiters who act as guests. Of course a real dinner is not served, but the dishes, silverware, glasses, etc., are all served just as if they contained toothsome food. During the service three waiters act as critics or jurors while Mr. McCard acts as the judge and settles all points of differences. The waiter or waiters who are serving the "mock dinner" are required to serve every article, wines, etc.; just as though they were serving a real European order, while the other waiters look on and carefully watch every movement of the service. After carefully witnessing two or three of these "mock dinners" a new waiter has a good idea of European service, and can give better service than if he had had six months' experience in the old fashion way.

For the third time in so many months the grim reaper, Death, has invaded the ranks of the Head and Second Waiters' Association and claimed a member of that association as his own, and strange enough, too, all the victims lived in Cleveland, Ohio. On March 13th Mr. Frank Terry, formerly headwaiter at the Weddell, Cleveland, Ohio, died in that city of a complication of diseases. Mr. Terry retired from the Weddell last September and went to his old home in Bedford City, Va, to recuperate his health, after which he was to return to the Weddell, but his health continued to fail him, and just one week before his death he decided to return to Cleveland, which he did at once. One afternoon, one week after his return, he began to grow worse, and expired at about 10:30 p m. He was a member of the Western Reserve Lodge K. of P. and the H & S. W. N. B A. A few weeks before his death he confessed the Episcopal religion. The funeral services were held at the residence, 8 Eggleston street. Rector Doan of the Episcopal church officiated. Among the floral contributions were a large pillow of roses, on which read "Sympathy of the Weddell House Employes." In the center of the pillow was the word "Rest." A fine wreath by Colonial Hotel waiters, bunch of white and red roses by the Hollenden Hotel waiters, wreath of carnations and foliage by the "neighbors" (white), a white dove mounted on a basket of roses by his brothers, a beautiful crescent design by Mesdames Hayes, Sandford and Lindsey (white), bunch of flowers by John Pinking, red roses by Mr. and Mrs. Williams. Mr. Frank H. Terry was born April 8, 1870. He went to Cleveland twelve years ago and secured work at the Weddell House as side waiter; later he was promoted to third waiter, and still later to second waiter, and about three years ago he succeeded H. T. Eubanks as headwaiter, which position he filled until last September. He was married and leaves a wife and young daughter to mourn his loss.

WANTED Seventy-five European plan waiters, none other need apply. Address in your own hand and state experience. E. T. Montgomery 5472 Lake avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Enclose postage for reply.

THE CAKE WALK.

Well, the darkies had a cake walk,
And the guys were on hand.
Of it they began to talk,
For it was a jolly band.

There was quartette singing
And buck dancing too.
Their voices began a ringing;
It was off—everybody knew.

There was Char'ie Lewis and Stell
Parker and Albert Lee
Here Fred Davis began to wheel;
It was funny as could be.

Little Walker was a dandy;
You bet he looked a bird,
But Weeks was out for candy;
He beat all I ever heard.

Well sir—Weeks and old Cock Robin
Began to look and laugh—
You see they began a bobbing
From the first to the last.

Of all the comical beings
You ever saw before
There's none so amusing
As Brag upon the floor.

Then they all got to mixing—
To see what each could do.
You should of seen old Gorett,
Goodness how he flew.

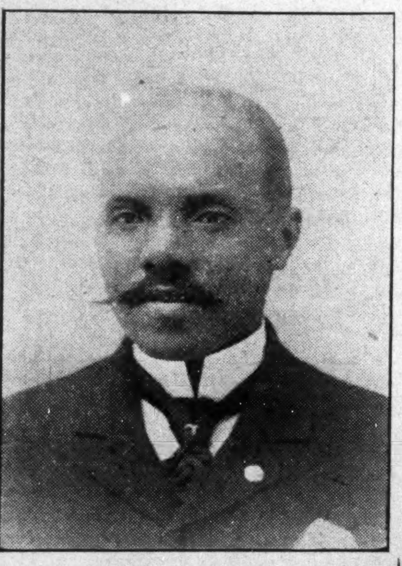
But when the cake they did spy
You should have seen them do the poss
And then began to try to fly.
It sure was good—by gosh.

Then came Weeks and Cock Robin
A making things get awake,
For they were on the course, by jolly,
And they did take the cake.

Well, such a time you never seen
At a cake walk on the Green.
This was better than fourteen
On policy, on Jacks, on four queens.

—W. R. Reid.

PROMINENT HOTEL MEN



JAMES GIBBS,
Headwaiter Grand Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Freeman takes pride in presenting to its many readers the cut and sketch of Mr. James Gibbs, the affable headwaiter at the Grand Hotel, this city. Mr. Gibbs might be captioned as one of those who has come from among the ranks. His hotel life, outside of the present hotel in which he is employed, has been meagre, and was spent in small boarding houses, who had not enough business to be called hotels. He has been a member of the dining room staff of the Grand Hotel for over twenty-three years, and has risen by degrees from a side waiter to headwaiter The house has changed hands five times since he has been connected with it; but, like the sturdy oak of the forest, these changes have never affected him. Mr. Gibbs has become to be a fixture He was second waiter for fifteen years and has had charge of the dining room for the past two years. Mr. Gibbs points with pride to the enviable fact that, in his long service at this prominent hostelry, he has never been reprimanded. He has twenty men under his charge, and is well liked by all. Mr Gibbs is a member of the H. & S. W. N. B. A., and his career has been a successful one. Mr. Gibbs is also a subscriber to The Freeman.

There are 8,000 Negro rulers, Kings and Chiefs 210,000 princes.

The Negro population of New York in 1799 numbered 25,000 and in 1900 42,000 an increase of 17,000 in 100 years.

There are thee or four things that will help to keep the precious nugget of ice from melting away it the house keeper will only remember them, One is that to keep ice warm is the to keep it cold. A piece of ice in a pitcher, with a pail over the pitcher, and a rug over the pail, Will keep all night. A piece of ice in a refrigerator, covered with a snug white blanket will cheat the greedy ice-man every day, and snap saucy fingers at the milk that does not dare to get sour or the beefsteak that dares not fail. These thing are admirable in their way and should be in every hatband, but the greatest trick of all is newspapers. With plenty of newspapers above, below and on every side, the way a piece of ice will keep is a joke.—Miami Horticulturist.

New Features for Pan-American Exposition.

Through passenger service from Indianapolis via Columbus over the Pennsylvania and Erie Lines—"Akron Route"— to be established May 5th will take Pan-American Exposition visitors from Indianapolis to buffalo without changing cars. For special information on the subject address W. W. Richardson, D. P. Agt., Indianapolis' Ind.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AND HIS WORKS

BY CHARLES ALEXANDER
Wilberforce, O

THE MAN: A TRIBUTE.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

He is honest enough to state just what he believes; and his statements are most emphatic. He believes in industrial education for the masses of the Negro race. He believes that honest, efficient toil is calculated to win for the race both respect and power. He believes that the more intelligent the worker the more systematic the order of his duties, and the more thorough his service. He believes that the hand that is guided by an enlightened brain has a deftness of touch that is unknown to the ignorant workman.

He has studied very carefully the needs of the race and he appreciates its real condition. He believes that there is hope for a race of men who understand the secrets of the mechanic arts He believes that the best preparation a young man can possibly make to enter into the field of a stern, active life is by cultivating his brain, enriching his heart with sound wholesome truth, and training his hands to perform some useful service. He believes that however rich the soil, however luxuriant the grass, however fine the climate, however plentiful the iron, the coal and the manifold resources of nature, wealth can only be produced by the application of intelligent labor. A man would perish in the sight of plenty if he did not put himself to some trouble to appropriate the things around him. And so, it is very important that if men must labor that his labor be guided by the highest systematic intelligence. The mental power of any laborer is of peculiar influence and value. An increase of intelligence results usually in an increase in the power to produce. Mr. Washington understands these principles thoroughly. He believes that the clearness of mind, quickness of apprehension, strength of memory, and the power of consecutive thought, which come from mental training and intellectual discipline, make the difference between a desirable and an undesirable laborer; and are the most important elements of strength in those men who have made a name for themselves in this generation of stress and great difficulties, who have devoted their time to efforts in any paticular field of labor, and enables the desirable laborer to soon pass the undesirable one into more remunerative work. He believes that an intelligent Negro workman is more useful than an unintelligent Negro workman.

1. Because he requires a far shorter apprenticeship.

2. Because he can do his work with little or no superintendence; he is able to carry instructions in his mind, and to apply them with discretion to the varying conditions of his work.

3. Because he is less wasteful of materials.

4. Because he readily learns to use machinery, however delicate or intricate.

Brains are not only required to invent machinery; but to adjust and run it as well

He has the genius to appreciate, moreover, that any sort of education which not only gives mental alertness but technical skill, is a great gain to the laboring class of any race.

Deftness and dexterity come by intelligent application to one's vocation; and the best defence Mr. Washington has to offer that the idea for which he stands an enthusiastic devotee, is the the best for the race, is that all races have reached power and influence through the very means he is now pointing out to the Negro.

THE FITNESS OF THINGS.

He would have the Negro strive to comprehend the fitness of things. A short while ago a wholesale manufacturer of trousers wanted an original design in a printed announcement to send out to the jobbers who were his customers. After considerable mental application the printer evolved a folder bearing on the outside cover pages a cut of a big dog with his mouth open and tongue out, and panting as though the weather was very warm Under the head appeared the word "Pants." The two inside pages of the folder were devoted to the announcement, and on the back page, where the tail of the dog appeared, were the words: "This is the end of our tail: We want your trade" The customer approved of the advertisement and the work was printed as outlined. One of these announcements fell into the hands of a merchant in a small town, and seeing the imprint of the printer on the job he thought he would write for terms on a five thousand lot with the same idea carried out The printer quoted satisfactory terms and secured the job; but instead of the word "Pants" under the dog's head the new customer wanted "Overcoats." You can see that all of the wit and fitness at once disappears when, instead of the dog "panting" he is "overcoating."

[To be continued.]

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Texas News.

Waco, Texas, Special.—Last Wednesday, the 13th, the citizens of Corsicana spitefully treated and burned John Henderson at stake. Such has caused many people to be aroused, it being only 56 miles from Waco. There is much talk of a race riot in this section, but such talk has prevailed this country for years, and still the Southern Negro is burned at stake or lynched. The city of Waco is blessed with the honor of being in the lead of many towns and cities of Texas for business men. The five grocerymen are doing extra good business. The four saloons do business both night and day. The fifteen boarding houses and restaurants do a good business. The undertaker and watchmaker are having grand success, and the drug stores are flying. The Oriental averages from nine to twelve dollars a day, while the Diamond Pharmacy averages from fifteen to eighteen dollars a day. You are served here in the highest order, even at the soda fountain, which opened two Sundays ago. That speaks well for the drug stores—there being ten white drug stores as competitors. The five barber shops are doing fine business. The H H & F S club entertained quite a large number at the Franklin street hall Friday night, and everybody seemed to have a grand time. Frank Day, a young base ball player of Brenham, is here, and will, no doubt, sign with the Waco Yellow Jackets this season. Paul Quinn College has had two male students to die within the past twenty-eight days. It is claimed that Dr Spiller, their physician, could not give the parties proper attention, or did not rather, Well, that may be true as Dr Spiller has a tremendous practice and so many sick people in his place. Drs G W Fridia, O C H Spiller and H O Conner are continually going day after day. That contageous disease, small pox, is also in a great rage here. Remember the greatest and only true Negro journals read in Waco is The Freeman and Colored American Magazine. They can only be found at the Diamond Pharmacy. All of both were sold out last week by 8 a m Sunday. As the store stays open all night the people buy all. So, to get a copy of either, you must come early.

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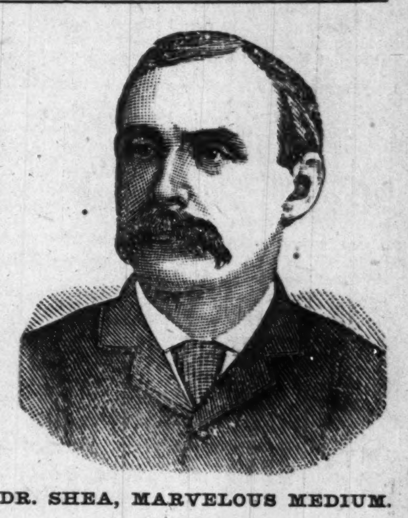

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It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there is a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials nor reference. Surley the colored people are not so wanting in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic avenue; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The Doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St Louis, Memphis, Louisville understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had the patronage from them.

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ALBERT AYRES.

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A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT:

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Ga street. No one seemed to understand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. On hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself. I found him a sympathetic gentleman. And he gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of the patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. Then he told at once what was the matter, and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truly and heartily recommend Dr. Shea to all those in sickness or distress of any kind.

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DISFRANCHISING STATES INCREASING.

The Negro must earn his right to recognition by his virtues, and they will come only through struggle and experience. Laws can only surround him with helpful conditions, and he must do the rest. The only powers under the control of Congress to protect the political rights of the colored man are in the enactment of a federal election law and in the reduction of the representation of disfranchising States. A federal election law is hardly to be considered a probability in view of the friction it would engender.

Congress has the power to reduce the representation of any State for the disfranchisement of citizens at any time, and that power ought to be exercised whenever there is occasion for it. States have disfranchised the Negro with full knowledge of the constitutional provision, and they cannot complain if it be enforced against them. If it were enforced it would act as a political equilibrant. Protection of the ballot on the one hand and increased power in national politics on the other would operate as countervailing forces and a just and fair result would be ultimately attained. The interests of the white man would require the elevation and independence of the Negro. The Negro would be prepared for the responsibilities of citizenship, so that he would not be a menace to local interests, and at the same time he would be a factor in the apportionment of political power.

The constitution should be enforced because it is mandatory and because the redemption of the Negro imperatively requires it.—Congressman Crumpacker.

The above is the conclusion of quite a lengthy article by Congressman Crumpacker of Indiana, in which he has made a careful summary of the Negroes' condition as it concerns the movements to eliminate their vote. He is a Republican and friendly to the Negros' interests. In fact he stands almost alone in his devotedness to the race, which, indeed, shows a rare quality of heart for these times when the Negro subject is the most dangerous one now before the country.

Mr. Crumpacker paints a true, but no lovely picture of racial conditions in America. The future is becoming less promising as the days roll by, but the Negroes, we regret to say, do not show signs of disturbment equal to the threatened or actual injury.

The Congressman points out the States of Mississippi, South Carolina, Louisiana and North Carolina as having already engrafted provisions upon their constitutions fixing a literary standard for suffrage. We know to what purpose all this tends. Says he:

The Legislature of Maryland recently passed an election law providing the Australian system of voting. It surrounds the act of voting with many obstacles and does not permit assistance to those disqualified by illiteracy, so, in effect, it establishes an educational standard.

This lack of assistance to the illiterate voter is but another ingenious device to bring about the usual end; it will do it. We may presume that the letter of the law is obeyed, although the spirit be killed. Maryland, the wise, the innocent appearing Maryland, has got there just the same. No one is to be assisted, and yet who needs it most? It is not a hard question? Who will suffer most? It is quite as easy as the other one.

Florida and Tennessee, the Congressman informs us, have the same kind of law as Maryland. The law of Tennessee has been tested before the Supreme Court of the State and was sustained. It follows that the other State will fare similarly. The law of Tennessee is not general, however, but applies to the larger cities and the more populous counties.

Florida has the same kind of a law in operation, and Tennessee has a similar law applicable to large cities and counties only. Neither one of those three States has a codstitutional provision authorizing the establishment of a literary qualification for suffrage, and those laws, judged by the overwhelming weight of authority in the country, are clearly invalid. The Tennessee law, however, has been sustained by the Supreme Court of that State, and doubtless the laws of Florida and Maryland will be upheld by the State courts.

Virginia will hold a constitutional convention during the coming summer and, without doubt, provision will be made for the practical disfranchisement of colored citizens in that State. Delaware, New Jersey and West Virginia, in all probability, will follow Maryland's example as soon as they have Democratic legislatures; and it is only a question of time when every State with a considerable colored population, with the possible exception of Texas, will do the same thing.

Under laws like that recently enacted in Maryland, the States of Delaware, Kentucky, New Jersey and West Virginia will be permanently Democratic.

The avowed purpose of those laws is to disfranchise the Negro. No honest, well informed man pretends anything else. The elevation of the standard of suffrage is a mere pretext.

Congressman Crumpacker utters a withering criticism on the practices of those States that are basing their actions on color, as he says rather than character. He is not opposed to literary qualifications, fair educational tests, that have the good of all in mind, rather the harm of a class in view.

DRAWING THE COLOR LINE.

Mr. Robert Johnson, of the University of Chicago, wants to know why it is that when colored women go to the foundlings and other places where babies are given to good families to adopt, to see after adopting babies into their families, that none will take a black baby. The white matrons and guardians of these places say that, no matter how dark the woman, she will never consider the suggestion that she take a black baby. However fine looking or smart the dark child, no one wants to adopt it, they say.

One lady said she could not understand how it was that the colored people were constantly complaining about the white people drawing the color line, while they themselves appear to be drawing the color line among themselves and visiting their hatred of color on the innocent, motherless babe in the cradle.

Is it so that our ladies hre drawing the color line?—Chicago Conservator.

The condition does exist to our shame in nearly all parts of the United States among colored people, and until we make up our minds to stop it we ought not to complain at what some one else does —The Enterprise, Omaha.

The observation by Mr. Johnson may be information to many, and we think it is to the whites generally, butit is not information to the colored people generally. It is a kind of information that is held back as a rule, but the fact seldom fails of demonstration when the time comes for it.

It has become a second nature to charge all of our ills, real or imaginary, to existing racial conditions. However, it will not be amiss to say that the above noted condition is traceable to racial conditioas. It does not excuse the colored people for showing such preference, but it is the cause of it—approaching the white man's ideals as to beauty. It would seem that that standard set up would have no effect on colored people owing to unmixed social relations, etc. But it does. Not only have the colored people laid claim to the same ideals, but there is the fiercest, the most protracted struggle to attain them. Is it right? Is it wrong? Sir Roger De Coverly would say there is much to be said on either side. The struggle for existence is going to be a hard one for those whom the gods have not favored. Hair lotions, tonics, face bleaches, all preach powerfully in testimony of what has been said.

Mr. Crumpacker says that reduction of representation in Congress is the only existing remedy for the disfranchising ills. It is so, considering the Congressman as authority; but it is one prepared for conditions arising from very unlike circumstances to those underlying the present conditions. Under the circumstances reduction of representation will prove a very doubtful remedy. It would be, as we see it, a quasi-endorsement by the government; it would certainly amount to a recognition of the evil if not more. Not by design, of course, it will never be held, but a resulting condition owing to the peculiar underlying circumstances. Too much friction would be engendered should Congress attempt to crush out the whole business is what the Congressman thinks. He, doubtless, is right, for he is in a position to know. And yet the other resort is inefficacious because it secures the very thing opposed although at some expense. But that expense is a bagatelle in the face of the larger consideration—disfranchisements with impunity.

Booker T. Washington was heard in the Madison Square Garden of New York by many business men. He spoke in the interest of his school. It is fairly certain that the endowment fund of that institution will reach the half million mark that he is striving so industriously for. He deserves all that he asks for; he will get it.

THE FREEMAN IN MISSISSIPPI.

The Freeman of Indianapolis, Ind., is being handled by Miss Annie Davis, a popular young lady of our town. Call at Mrs. Hattie Mitchel's boarding house and leave your subscription or get a copy for 5c. The Freeman is a great paper and Editor Knox is a great man —The Journal, Clarksville, Miss.

Thank you, very much.

Rev. W. W. Landrum, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, white, in Atlanta, Ga., is to preach the Commencement sermon at Tuskegee on Sunday, May 26.

PENCILINGS.

You say you love your brothers; and what would you do then, if you hated them?—The Christian Register.

Mankind, and I suppose that embraces womankind, and especially those of the church, industriously circulate the facts(?) that they love everybody; at "perfect" peace with the world, and would not be any other way. Yet somebody, and a very great many of them, are responsible for the heartaches, the grief and sorrow that Pope speaks about: "Man's inhumanity to man," etc. "Love thy neighbor as thyself," is a very stringent law, and it may not have the value of its face, but man has a right to live in sight of the injunction. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This is not such a hard law, and should be lived up to as nearly as the physical condition permits, and spiritually always. Let starvation threaten and that whole category of "miserables" of Job, of St. Paul, yet the race must be run with patience. If I would not raise mine hand even against my enemy, what should I do for those that love me? It may be believed that earth nor hell can incubate terrors to terrify those whose lives are cast along such lines. Conscience, that faithful monitor, that powerful ally, is the earthly God, the individual God that revoices the sentiment of the great good One, when He says Fear not, my little ones, 'tis my father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Like Macbeth, although he lied, to Banquo's ghost, when the long shriveled finger of accusation points, that tell tale index of hate and scorn, may we with unperjured souls disclaim an evil intent to our fellowman.

O, then, may this, my mortal height,
O'er leap its bonds—a spiritual flight,
To the heaven towering blue, and amid it;
Flinging an answer as the sun its light,
"Thou can'st not say I did it."

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The dear reading public will pardon me for inserting the little note that follows. It was written by Mrs. E. Azalia Hackley apropos a criticism on her work in Indianapolis as a singer:

March 21, 1901.

Mr. W. Lewis, city:

Dear Mr. Lewis—I wish to thank you for the criticism in last week's Freeman. It is very refreshing as well as gratifying to have some one review the work I do whose criticism is based upon musical knowledge. I shall always treasure the item because of its "uniqueness" in this respect. Wishing you much success and prosperity.

Yours very truly,
E. AZALIA HACKLEY.

It is needless to say that I will keep the little letter feeling, yea knowing that it comes from the greatest artist in her line of our race, and a great one of any race. If life and health are spared her she will stand in her class. It may be that she will have to leave the country as Rachel Walker did. She may have to leave the race altogether as others have done, and, if so, a pardon in advance may well be granted her; for God does not mean that such gifts shall be circumscribed, hampered, confined by mean circumstances, hence there will be an outlet.

Booker T. Washington has anounced that as a result of the meeting held last Monday evening in New York City, by the Armstrong association for the Tuskegee institute $20,500 has been given or promised, including $10,- from Mrs. C. P. Huntington, witch may be used for endowment fund. Toward the $25,000 for current expenses necessary to be secured before the gift of $10,000 promised by women of Brooklyn is available $13,800 have been received.

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tist, will fit up a handsome office, where they will be pleased to see their many friends.

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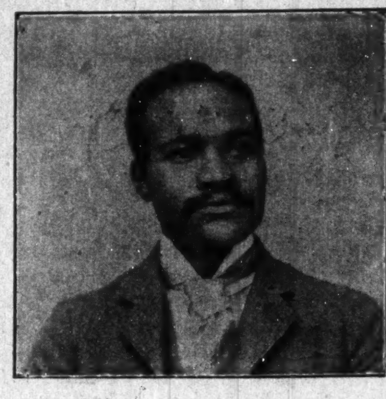

R M MITCHELL

The subject of this sketch, R. M. Mitchell, was born in 1869 at Danville, Ky. From childhood he always had an ardent desire to become an artist, even at the age of ten years he was able to reproduce likenesses of the human face and other subjects. He continued to sketch, and his work found great favor among the people, and finally he was importuned by some of the leading citizens to enter S. A. Coleman's art school, where he went and took the required course, graduating in 1893 with high honor. He has fairly demonstrated his rare tact and ability in his chosen profession wherever he has gone. By request Prof. Mitchell has traveled very extensively over the country, north and south, teaching in many of the leading cities, among which may be mentioned Little Rock, Ark., Vicksburg, Miss., Memphis, Tenn., etc., where he certainly convinced the people of his ability to master the art of drawing and painting landscapes, figures, flowers, animals and portrait work blended and executed in oil, pastel, crayton and water colors. During his stay at the latter named place he was employed in a first class white studio to operate the air brush in finishing up all of the finest work. The same demand also was made on him by the King I. Chamber's Art Company, 189 Beale street.

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Go to the Bluff City hotel, 74-76 Hernando street. Good service and moderate prices guaranteed. J H Vadien, proprietor.

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M M Mitchell, one of our prominent barbers, is located at 189 Beale street. Show your race pride by patronizing him.

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Mr. W. Goodman spent Sunday in Jerico, Arkansas.

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The Metropolitan Dyeing Company, 104 Desota street, Dupree & Whitehead proprietors, is a new addition to our city.

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Mrs. Ella Maybery has gone to Willington, Texas.

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Mrs H A Clark is visiting her sister, Miss Mary Sturbs, at Bloomington, Ill.

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A J Wardeman, 162 S. Second street, carries a full line of fancy groceries.

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F L Johnson has opened a cafe and lunch counter at 84½ Hadden avenue.

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The death warrant of slavery, it was thought, had been signed long ago, and all men were free and equal. But, hark! There comes a voice from South Carolina, crying like Rachel, of biblical fame, weeping for her children. This voice, with the stillness of death, tells us that over there our people are still held in slavery. Friends, do you not know that all over the rural districts of our beloved Southland there are those who daily cry for deliverance from their unhappy surroundings? Mercy, mercy, mercy, on me, is their plea from morn till night. Have you ever lived on one of these plantations to which Booker Washington tells the Negro to flee? Have you ever thought of how the Negro toils faithfully, earnestly and industriously from year to year, and when harvest time is at hand the white man reaps all and Mr Negro must bow in obeyance to his will? At end of year if this being desires to locate elsewhere, he is branded as a worthless character, and acts at his peril. To give proof to this article we quote a conversation from one of these wealthy farmers, who was in Memphis a short while ago:

"Well, Mr. ——," said a business man to the gentleman from the town of ruben, "what are you doing in the city today?"

"Well," said he, "two damn niggers wanted to leave my place, and I took a shot at them, but some how I failed to hit them."

Here he spoke of the human beings as one would speak of a rabbit or some other animal that roamed the trackless forest.

Said he, "those niggers better not let me see them, because I'll kill the g— d— niggers!"

Here the man laughed; but, oh, it was a laugh of the Satanic powers of hell. This is only a sample. This is why so many of our people congregate in cities, and the farmers have such a hard time in getting laborers. The farm is no place for Negroes unless they get farms of their own. We say to these land owners of the South, "treat a dog kindly, and he will love and cling to thee."

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Louis Wims, 29 Dixon street, is on the sick list.

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Mrs. Fannie Turner, 24 Wilkerson street, is on the sick list.

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N. W. Bridgeforth has a full line of groceries and fresh meats of all kinds.

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Jim Wims has a coke, coal and wood yard, at cor. of Georgia and Orleans street.

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The infant son of Principal C. A. Thompson, of the Georgia street public school, died March 17, one week after the burial of its mother. One year ago Prof. Thompson enjoyed the presence of a happy little family, of wife and two children, only one of whom, the elder boy, remains to comfort him. The professor certainly has the sympathy of the teachers and friends in his sore bereavement.

E. W. SADLER.

News Items.

Lima, O., Special.—Rev. White of the A. M. E. church had a large all day attendance on last Sunday it was quarterly meeting day, and Doctor Johnson the presiding elder delivered three beautiful sermons during the day. The collection for the day was $25.38, there were 80 in number. Mrs. Kattie Williams of Dunkirk, O., was the guest of her son Chas. Mitchell and other relatives. She spent a beautiful day. The proprietor of the Busy Bee restaurant South Main street, Mr. Franklin and wife was received into the A. M. E. church last Sunday. They were met by many warm friends. Mr. John Adkins visited his parents at Richmond, Md., last week. The Ladies Aid Society will give a concert at the Second Baptist church on Tuesday night. Mr. J. Bates of South McDonald street is lying very low at his home. Mrs. Lizzie Johnson has started a dress making establishment. Mr. Henry Bates is very sick at his home on South McDonald street. Mr. Albert Willson the proprietor of Metropolitan restaurant on Market street, will be neatly arranged for the summer trade such as cool treats, going to remodel his place of business. There will be a neat ladies parlor dining room.

A Quilt Contest.

Rockford, Ill., Special.—A social was given under the auspices of A. M. E. Church Sunday School, and the following program was rendered. Greeting, Rev. S. B. Moore; vocal solo, Mrs. Woods; recitation, Juanita Carpenter; vocal solo, Miss Aline Etheridge; Farce, 'No Cure No Pay:' Miss Lula Settles, Miss Grace Settles, Miss Lizzie McCard, Miss Helen Tucker, Miss M. Johnson, Miss K. Williams. A voting contest for a quilt was held. Mr Blakesly, Mrs Donley, and Mrs. Moore were the contestants. Mr. Blakesly was the successful candidate. The neat sum of $50.85 was realized.

Oxford Items.

Oxford, O., Special.—Revival services are being held at Bethel church with success. Up to the time of this writing 12 souls have been saved. Meetings to be continued all this week. Mrs. Nancy Prock and Mr. Eleigh Williams are reported much better. Mrs. Daisy Hill visited relatives and friends here Sunday. The band boys postponed their entertainment which was to be held in the city hall on Tuesday the 26th. On account of revival services at Bethel church.

Interesting Items.

Webster City, Ia., Special.—Leonidus Farrell, of Oskaloosa arrived in Webster City last week to fill the position of book keeper for D. W. Wright. Miss Farrell was raised in Oskaloosa and has many friends which regret her departure but are proud to know that she has before her a bright future. Mr. Wright feels assured that Miss Farrell is capable of filling the position.

CYCLING ROUTES.

Will All Lead to Buffalo Next Summer.

For the accommodation of the large number of cyclists who contemplate touring awheel to Buffalo and the Pan-American Exposition and Niagara Falls next summer a series of "trunk line" cycling routes is being compiled. They will probably be as follows:

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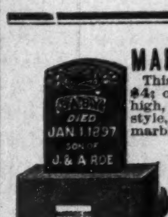

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Billy Farrell is at the Empire, South Shields, Eng, the week of March 25, with the Empire and Edinburg to follow.

Augustus Stevens, female impersonator, late of Allen's New Orleans minstrels, is now at 506 State street, Chicago, Ill.

Charles Miller, clarionet and piccolo player, will return to Indianapolis to join the "Old Kentucky" Band, which will play summer engagements in the East.

Prof. W. E. Dorsey wishes all musicians on the road who will lay over in Chicago this season to report at the office or band hall of Prof. Dorsey's K. P. band and orchestra.

John D. West, orchestra leader, Fountain Woods, bandmaster, and Mrs. Carrie B. Woods, all of Hart's Minstrel Extravaganza Co., are spending their vacation in Kansas City.

Miss Mazy Brooks, of the musical team of Mallory Bros and Brooks, prior to opening on the Kohl & Castle circuit, has purchased a $850 Lyon & Healy harp, of which she is justly proud.

P. A. Woods, comedian, and Laura Moss, prima donna, have closed with the Georgia Up-to-Date Co., and are taking a rest at Mr. Wood's home at 1320 Ann street, Kansas City, Kans.

King and Bush, the "Hot Coons" are filling an engagement at the American theatre. They, being the first colored performers in Southern vaudeville, are making the "ofays' encore like wild Indians.

J. C. Brinker of the Harrison Bros. minstrels this season has been very successful in playing trombone solos under the direction of W. H. Flammer; the band does not fail to please the most fastidious daily.

Clarence Powell successfully tickled a Harlem, N. Y., audience last week and is in the Boroughs across the bridge this week. Next week, he says, that he will play club dates in and around New York. Ability means ——. Oh, Ed, I forgot.

Billings, Mont., Special—Richards & Pringles Georgia minstrels were royally entertained by Misses Ollie Scott, Rosa Payne, Gertie Gray, Prof. George Carlisle and others. Miss Rosa Payne will soon appear in Cincinnati, O., for general rehearsals with Hill and Polk's "Ragtime Coons," who will star the company the coming season. She sends regards to friends.

P. G. Lowery writes that he has his summer business nicely arranged; and is well pleased with the company he has picked. Ace Brooks, leading comedian with Swain's Nashville Students, is stage manager for his vaudeville show; J. J. Smith holds the same position as assistant band director. Miss Emma Thompson has control of the ladies department; James Morton, librarian. Look for opening letter giving full details.

Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are still playing to big houses every where. We are now on our Halifax, N. S., tour; this far the audiences seem spellbound. We had the pleasure last Thursday to play in the prettiest theatre in Canada, the Russell at Ottawa, and we are glad to say the place was jammed the banner house of the season our manager has grown 3 feet. The members all being in excellent condition and left a lasting impression it will be useless for any jubilee company to play in our back yard. The Freeman is becoming to be a welcome member in our company since it representative, L. A. Lucas is handling it. We sends our best regards to all friends in or out of the profession.

Isham's Octoroons in the operatic comedy spectacle "King Rastus" made their appearance at the Auditorium in Memphis, Tenn., Mar. 18, 19 and 20. As a whole the show was one that the citizens of this place care not to see repeated. It is a slander on the Negroes of America; for example here are some of their sayings: "Who raised you a colored woman?" "If a Negro left those things here, give them back to him." "Say gal give me them white folks money." "That's the reason white folks don't let niggers hold office because they want to rule the earth." And worse than all was when they sang "Every nation has a flag but a coon;" every flag was displayed with honor, then a rag with a chicken and watermellon on it was displayed, having on it this inscription: "Our Flag;" signifying that the Negro would spill his last drop of blood to get into somebody's chicken cook or watermellon patch. The costumes and dancing were very vulgar. The white people enjoyed this flag business and niggers in the white folks' yard, but for us, we cry shame, shame, shame! Memphis is waiting to fill the Auditorium when the Nashville Students gives their performances here April 1 and 2.

E. W. SADDLER.

New Orleans amateur minstrel and dramatic notes.—Gabe Holt's big female minstrels are rehearsing. Joe Brown is taking buck dancing lesson, and is writing a song. W. B. Russell, the popular musician and vocalist, has returned from St. Louis. Bob Pierson is cultivating his voice. Lewis Brantley, the popular buck dancer and songster, has an engagement at the Charley House W. H. Henderson, the popular comedian, is going into the restaurant busibusiness on Phillip street. Collie McGown has quit the show business and is practicing medicine. J. J. Helton would like to hear from managers as he is now at liberty. Henry Johnson, the dramatist and comedian, sends regards to all professionals. Ruby Hubbard and W. Richardson are rehearsing "Damon and Pythias" and "Cyrano De Bergerac" and others. Henry Lawson has a sweet voice. Miss Lelia Chapman is scoring hits weekly singing "I'll break up this jamboree". Jerry Jackson, the popular baritone singer, is well. Lewis Kenner and Will Fowler, cake walkers and comedians, are resting up for the summer. James Gray, who was with the Brantley Jubilee Singers at west end last summer, is playing brass. Mett L. Brantley, the popular coon songster, is now agent for The Freeman, with headquarters at 1138 Dryades street. The Tulane quartette is progressing nicely.

Frank Clermont writes from Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival.—Wm. Blue, cornetist, joined us at Evansville, Ind. He is preparing the comic song "I can live on chicken toes" to be sung by our stage manager, Skinner Harris. Master Blaine Bly also joined at Henderson, Ky., and is singing "Fatal rose of red." We will strike Memphis in a few days, and our jump from there will be to New Orleans, La., week of April 7th, the home of J. Ballard Tucker, Dan Desdunes, Marsh Craig and Frank Clermont, the child wonder. The show is making good and the Students seem to be happier since they struck "Bingham" in the past week. We have met more "jitneys" during that time than we did from Hammond, Ind., to Portland, Me. E. J. Looney is still with the company singing his latest ballad "When the harvest days are over." Mr. Desdunes' latest comic act, written especially for this company, is a curtain scream. We are having excellent weather. Billy Miller, monologue king, has added another song to his turn. Julius Glenn is the feature of the "Whangdoodle" quintette, assisted by Goodall, Looney, Douglass and Johnson. George Bryant, our band leader, has made a hit with the writer; he is sparing no pains nor money in completing his repertoire. The band is good. L. E. Gideon says hello to Ernest Hogan, Tom Brown and other friends. James Mobley is up and at his post of duty, after several weeks of illness. The Campbells are hittings hard in their unique specialty.

Nolen T. Washington of Slayton's Jubilee Singers writes—The company is in good shape, and all of the members in good health. We have just finished a few dates in Indiana, and I must say we have had a fine time while in the state. It was a pleasure for us to sing at Evansville, for it is our manager's home, and the town was his for the time being. He was met at the depot by two of his former schoolmates, Hugh A. Rouse and Harry Prayer, and his father, Henry Helms. They had made arrangements for us to stop at Black's Hotel, a convenient, comfortable hotel run by a colored man. I will say to all who visit Evansville, they cannot find a place its equal, for Mr. Black strives to his utmost to make you comfortable while under his roof. We gave a matinee to about 400 children. The schools were given a half-holiday to attend. It was a grand sight to see them. A social bombshell was exploded while we were there. J. W. Turner and Louise Sylvester slipped away and were quietly married. After the secret was found out they were showered with rice by the company amid congratulations. This is the second marriage that has taken place in the company in as many years. Washington and Johnson are the only two that are now single, and Johnson says he feels very lonely. A mixed quartette and a duet have been added to our program, and both are giving satisfaction. Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Helms compose the quartette, and the latter are the duetists. Mr. Johnson is "cleaning up" and his vocal arrangements are ready. The company enjoys reading The Freeman and at this stage of the game could not do without it. The company sends regards to all friends.

Notes from Allen, Quine & Oakes' New Orleans minstrels.—Everything is booming, and the business the past week was the largest in the past four months. Georgia is certainly good to us. We turned people away in Tuskegee, Opelika, West Point and Carrollton. While at Tuskegee, Ala., the boys paraded out to the Booker T. Washington school grounds and the band rendered several selections, which the college boys and girls went wild over. The school is the largest we have ever seen and certainly a credit to the founder and the Negro race. The show is to continue under the present name as long as the special printing lasts, but is owned and managed by Quine and Oakes. Augustus Stevens returned to the show at Atlanta. Gus is a great favorite with all the boys. The bands are still getting the credit of being the finest that ever struck the South; Prof. Cooper has charge of No. 1, and Prof. McCamon No. 2; and when they double up in the evening concert it is the general verdict that most other traveling bands cannot hold the music for these boys to play. John B. Webster last week joined the No. 2 band as piccolo and flute player. Edward Ren joined No. 1 band as trap drummer, and he has an excellent tenor voice, which adds materially to the quartette and choruses. Charles Williams, Phillip Owens, Kid Arant and John Wise keep the audiences in a continuous roar of laughter during the first part. Glover, the slack wire artist, gets his share of applause. Owens and Williams are each encored nightly, singing their comical songs. All the members of this show are ladies and gentlemen; neither trouble nor drunkeness is ever seen among us. The Freeman is a welcome weekly visitor, and is read by every member from the management down to canvassman.

A letter from Chicago.—latest arrivals to the Metropolis from the west are Columbus Bragg, monologist, Leattuce Liverpool, coon songstress and dancer. Josephine Gussmans pickaninnies are a big feature at the Olympic theatre. The Standard quartette with Louis Love as manager, is at the Haymarket theatre this week. Gomms' spectacular production of "In Sunny Tennessee" will be the revelation of all coon shows; rehearsals will commence on or about the 8th of April. This is the real chance for good people; J. Ed. Green will stage the production. The Burley has a good bill this week; Elmore and Madia Dodd are on the bill with a first-class sketch that proves a winner; Mr. Dodd's playing of the Eb and Mrs. Dodd's playing of the Bb cornets in a duet were especially encored. At the Royal, Billy Williams and Earthquake are still making good. Deas and Robinson at the Burley are prince favorites. Edna Alexander, primo soprano, is sick here at her home. Frank Mallory is in town with his wife. Grace Halliday, W. H. Proctor and the ragtime choirsters made quite a hit at the Victoria last week. Mr. Proctor and Bessie Hamilton open at the Haymarket April 1st. Walter Ward is the popular mixer at the Turf, and wishes to hear from all Texas friends. Messrs. Shaw and Dixon's "Ruby" is in quite a demand at present; it being a special feature with a number of the leading companies. Chas. Norton was the hit of the bill at the Burley week of the 18th inst, and was retained for another week. The bill at the Royal, 2936 State street, includes the Misses Nettie Lewis, Hattie Carter, Maggie Scott, Jennie Scott, Tene Wetherby and Bill Earthquake furnishes the comedy. Billy Williams the frog, is the feature of the olio; business good. Late arrivals of the Georgia Up-to-Date disaster are Will Goff Kennedy and Billy Williams.

Herbert La She sends regards to all friends and says to Julius Glenn: "When you ain't got no money you needn't come around," J-u-d-a. Read his ad on this page.

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Selma News.

Selma, Ala., Special.—Miss Angeline Davis is here from New York City, the guest of Miss Ruth Patterson. Mr. Jno. Carter, the up-to-date tailor has the prettiest line of spring goods in town and he makes them up neat and nobby. Mr. Carter is Selma's leading colored tailor. At Sylvan street hall last Thursday night the full dress entertainment, under the management of Messers. A. B. Brooks and H. B. Keenan was the opening event of the spring. Twenty couples enjoyed themselves to the highest extent. Mr. Y. W. Cason has one of the prettiest places for the young people in the city. It is neat and clean and everything refreshing is kept. Dr. J. W. Walker preached a fiery sermon last Sunday morning. It was eloquent and logical. Mrs. Lizzie Williams, of Tuscaloosa, is here the guest of Misses Nannie Beatty and Kate Woods. Mr. Charley Walker, of Brown's Station, Ala., was in the city this week. Mr. Jim Melton died last Friday night at his home West North street. The students of Selma University last Friday night produced "Macbeth" most creditably and demonstrated their dramatic ability to favorable comments. Miss Ella Adams passed through the city this week enroute for her home Uniontown, Ala. Miss Adams has been teaching at Prattville. The Christian Endeavor Societies of the city met in union last Friday night at the Zion church the subject being, "How intemperance would transform the world." A meeting was held Tuesday night at Brown's A. M. E. church to formulate plans to establish a Nursery for colored children. Miss Clara Watkins after two weeks severe illness is much improved. Last Sunday March 10, there was called a special meeting of the St. Marks Lodge No. 4, A. F. and A. M., of this city to send a representative to Moble, Ala., to the funeral of Grand Master R. R. Mims whose death occurred in that city Saturday March 9. Major Mims was United States Mail inspector a position he has held for a number of years. Also general commander of the colored state troops. He was buried with all honors of the Masonic fraternity from the third to the thirty third degree. The race loses a great man whose place as acting Grand Master of the State of Alabama is not easily filled.

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News Notes.

Beaumont, Tex., Special.—The smallpox is raging in our city. Mr. A. Miles who has been sick for some time is better. Rev. Wm. Johnson, of Opelousas, La., was here Sunday. Rev. J. W. Watkins has return from New Orleans, La. Mr. Russell Minor has return to Beaumont. Dr. H. A. Lewis made a business trip to Orange, Tex, this week. Mrs. Amanda Bright is on the sick list. Mr. B. M. Edwards return to Beaumont last week. Miss Virginia Davis of Opelousas, La., is visiting friends in this city. Mr. Ike Bennett has return to Beaumont. Mr. Andrsw Pipkins made a flying trip to Orange, Sunday. Rev. M. E. Robinson preach at the Antioch Baptist church Sunday.

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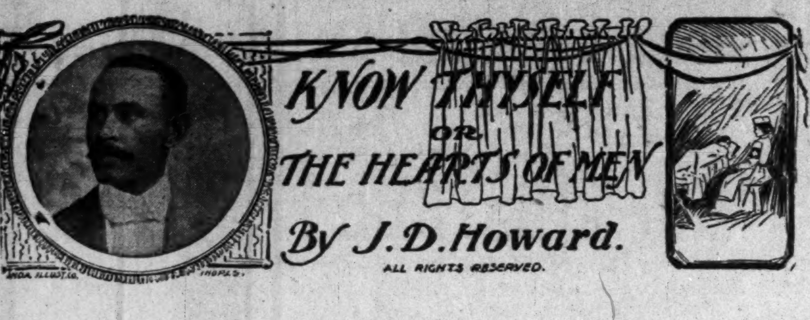

CHAPTER XXVI.

A BURDENED SOUL SET FREE.

During the six months intervening since we last saw Gladys, she has progressed rapidly at the establishment where she was employed. She has advanced herself through the ranks of ordinary clerkship and has been promoted to the position of Assistant Chief Clerk. In the meantime she in no wise neglected her Spiritual work. Through the assistance of Mrs. A— she established a Mission, in the immediate vicinity of the house she had occupied in Green street, where, to the disgust and chagrin of her former "Land-Lady," she conducts nightly meetings, and through her efforts many precious souls have been redeemed. The place is called, "The Gladys Gray Rescue Mission," and the general success of her work has attracted the attention of both press and public.

As she stepped forth from the laundry a few days after the jail delivery, on her way to her lodgings, she was accosted by Swift. A sensation of mingled surprise and fear ran through every fibre of her being; it was some time before she could collect herself sufficiently to speak. "Jack!—where is he?" she finally gasped.

"Come, let us repair to a neighboring restaurant and I will tell you all," said Swift.

So, leading the way a little in advance of her, Swift proceeded down the street, finally entering a well known fashionable cafe. The two sat down at one of the tables, and after ordering dinner, Swift began to unfold his sorrowful tidings to the anxious, attentive woman before him.

He was somewhat surprised at the conclusion of his story to find that Gladys, contrary to his expectations, had listened throughout his discourse without betraying the least semblance of emotion at what he had told her. The expression upon her face was one of profound resignation. Swift's surprise was converted into wonder when she calmly remarked: "The end then has come at last; Thy will, oh God, be done!!"

She then explained to him the nature of the work she was engaged in, and all that had taken place since she last saw him. "This is but another call of duty in my chosen field of labor," she said, "and I will go to him at once."

The dinner served to her remained untasted. At the conclusion of the meal she handed the waiter a ten dollar bill in payment; when he laid the change upon the table, she pushed it over to Swift. "Take this," she said, "you may need it."

Swift thanked her profusely; her voluntary generosity had relieved him of the unpleasant necessity of calling upon her for financial assistance.

"A word more before we part," she said; "I want to speak to you Bert, as a sister to a brother, and impart advice, it will please me well to have you heed in future. The price Jack is soon to pay for his sins and follies, is a sorrowful example of what will in the end come to all who continue in the paths of ruin and destruction. Let it be a warning to you. I shall, perhaps, see you no more in life, yet before we part promise me that you will seek henceforth an honest and upright life. You are young and many avenues, leading to a prosperous and useful career, are yet open to you. It is optional with you, and you only, as to what your future shall be; I trust the experience through which you have just passed has shown you the utter vanity and folly of the life you have been leading. Is your future to be a manly, upright one, or a continuation of sin and crime?"

After a moment's pause Swift raised his eyes to hers. "I am tired of it all!" he said. "You are right; the end can only be one of misery and regret. I promise you 'Goldie,' as I have already promised Jack, to turn over a new leaf and devote my future to some manly occupation. My entire life has been wasted in pursuit of sinful pleasures, and after all I am the most gullable 'sucker' of any of the vast number off whom I have managed to steal a living."

"Have you formed any plans as to what you would like to accomplish?" said Gladys.

"None;" he replied. "Being as I am, a fugitive from justice, my first actions shall be directed towards the perfection of my escape."

"Where will you go?"

"Alas! I do not know;" he said sorrowfully. "My aim at present is to wander to some distant land where, among strangers, I hope to be able to forget the past and commence life over again."

By the general tenor of his emotion Gladys felt assured that his contrition was genuine, and that his promise was based upon a strong determination to cast aside his old habits and ways of living.

Feeling she had added one more good deed to her credit she bade Swift adieu, wishing him success and prosperity. With a glad look in her eyes and buoyant step she hurried back to her post. After explaining the nature of her mission the proprietor of the establishment granted her an indefinite leave of absence.

That night she started upon her journey to the bedside of the man she loved. She regarded the visitation of this affliction upon Jack in a philosophical manner; she saw in it all the Devine will of God, and bore the stroke bravely; though pestilence and disease might corrode and sap up his body, it could not destroy her undying love for the man who had been the one ideal of her life.

From Swift's intimation that he had promised Jack to take steps towards reformation and lead a better life, she gleaned the probability of Jack himself having changed and sought forgiveness for his sins. Ah! if this surmise was only true. "Our meeting in the next World," she whispered, "would then be assured; there would be no partings or cruel separations there!"

In a measure she had learned to endure what could not be remedied in this life and accepted resignedly all that Providence meted out to her; both joy and sorrow alike, as being the natural course events were to take, prearranged by the Almighty who guided the destiny of all. Her one hope now was to reach the bedside of her dying lover before the end. Her spiritual convictions had denuded her love for Jack of the carnal sensual elements with which it had been tinctured at first. Out of the smoldering embers of these dead passions had arisen an affection sublime in its purity and loftiness. If she could but reach his side in time to minister to him Spiritually if she could but impart to him the changes that has been wrought in her life and find a like modification in his, she felt that her work in this life would be well nigh finished.

It was late that night when the train upon which she had embarked arrived at Mt. Sterling. She got in the conveyance that stood at the dingy little depot and asked to be conveyed at once to the County-jail. The jail was but a few blocks away, and in a short time the driver reigned up his horses in front of the prison. She alighted to the sidewalk while the driver, in a gruff voice, summoned the official in the office of the jail. He told him he had a lady who desired to speak with the jailer. The man who answered the driver's summons invited her to enter. The room into which she passed was the small outer-office of the jail; the only furniture it contained was an old-fashioned writing-desk, upon the top of which was a small book-case with glass doors; in this a few dusty old volumes lay. A stove, a few chairs and a long wooden bench about completed the effects of the room. On the left was a door opening into another apartment, from which the low murmur of voices reached Gladys' ears.

"Are you the jailer sir," she said to the individual who had admitted her.

"No," he replied, "I am his Deputy. Do you desire to see him upon anything important?"

"Yes, very important. I have come to see a prisoner, Mr. Jack Ashton, who, I am informed, lies seriously ill."

"You then are the lady whom he has been expecting from Louisville?"

"I am."

"Very well, step this way," said the Deputy, opening the door of the chamber from which the voices emanated.

When she entered the room Gladys observed a small cot in one corner of the apartment, around which three men were standing. The room was somewhat smaller than the main office of the jail; the uncarpeted floor was dirty and unkempt; the ceiling was low, and in places the plaster had fallen off leaving the laths bare like the bones of a half-dissected cadaver. The room was quite as barren of furniture as the one through which she had just passed. From the accumulated soot upon the walls and ceiling, together with the cob-webs which hung in each corner, it was evident the apartment had been unused. This was verified by the musty atmosphere that pervaded the place. A small table was setting by the cot, upon which were several bottles of medicine; this, and a few chairs, was all the room contained in the line of upholstery.

[To be continued.]

NOTICE.

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News from Dyersburg.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—Elder Rosser occupied his pulpit both morning and evening last Sunday. F. M. Silsby, of Memphis, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary Silsby, who has been very sick. The Young Men's Social Club met last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Clarsie Roberts. Elder Lacey occupied the pulpit of Tabernacle Baptist church Sunday morning. Logan Reed, who has been porter at the T. P. A. Hotel for the past two years, and local agent for The Freeman, has accepted a position with the International Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Reed will be general agent in West Tennessee. Here's luck to you, old boy, for we will miss you. The following persons attended the closing exercises of the Bethel school last Friday night at Lower Hill: Prof. W H Fort, Mr James Miller, Miss Parr, the Misses Miller and Mrs Clara B Reed. They all had a very nice time. Both churches, the A. M. E. and Tabernacle Baptist, are making preparations for their pastor. Steps ought to be made to stop the young men and boys from congregating in front of the churches talking and smoking. Have some respect for God's house, if you please. The United States Marine Band will give a grand concert the first Monday night in April. Everybody get ready. Miss Rosa Goss, sister of Mrs Andrew Harris, left for her home in Durhamville, Tenn., Saturday morning. Miss Beulah Flowers is still on the sick list. Let all that are in debt to Logan Reed, agent, for The Freeman pay up and startnew. John Cornell will take the agency of The Freeman.

Mobile News.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—A mass meeting under the auspices of the colored Y. M. C. A. and the Sunday school teachers of this city was held at Franklin Street Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Major Ruben R. Mims, an old and well respected citizen of the State of Alabama and also of this city, died Saturday, March 9, at 4:30 p. m. The funeral was well attended by representatives from the different lodges of the State, also a battalion of the Capital City Guards of Montgomery and the Gilmer Rifles of this city. He leaves a number of relatives and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Rev. J. Wharton held a successful revival at the First Congregational church of this city, Captain A. C. Caffey and Hon. J. C. Leftrich were in the city March 11 for the purpose of attending the funeral of Major R. R. Mims. The temperance drama "As by Fire" given at Franklin Street Baptist church, March 11, for the benefit of the colored Y. M. C. A. was a success. We are glad to hear the New York Age speak of "ragtime" music as they do. It is degrading, and we sincerely hope that it will be entirely wiped out. Subscribe for The Freeman, the finest colored National newspaper printed.

Quarterly Conference.

Ironton, Mo., Special.—Rev. C. M. Keeton, presiding elder of St. Louis, held the last quarterly conference for this year last Thursday evening. Joseph Sides, who has been very sick for several months, died last Saturday. The funeral was held at the residence on Sunday, and was attended by many relatives and friends. Mrs. Mollie Jennings and daughter, Miss Ethel, left last week for Garnett, Kas., their former home. A surprise party was given last Monday evening to Mrs. Angeline Boyd in honor of her sixty-first birthday. She was the recipient of many beautiful presents. Refreshments were served, and all who were present report a very pleasant time. Mesdames Charity Armstrong and Frances Blanks, who have been on the sick list, are convalescing rapidly. An entertainment was given last week for the purpose of raising money to send the pastor, Rev. R. L. Hill, to conference. The band boys under Prof. Casey, of Farmington, are making rapid progress in their music, and the open air concerts are being anxiously looked for this coming season.

Bethel Church Rally.

Vicksburg, Miss., Special.—The rally at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Sunday, March 10, was a great success. The membership of the church had been previously divided up into clubs. The $1.00 club led by Robert Williams raised $94 75; $2 00 club led by William Lyman, $160 30; $3 00 club led by H. W. Ware, $129 45; $5 00 club led by Prof. A. S. Barnes, $278 10. Total, by clubs, $662 60; principal, $675; incidental, $93 50; grand total, $768 50. Rev. G. W. Porter pastor in charge. Rev. J. H. C. Henry, pastor, and members of King Solomon Baptist church baptized 36 persons at Butler's Pond, Sunday, March 17, at 11 a. m. Some four or five thousand people, of every nationality, witnessed the scene. The ceremony was solumn and very impressive, reflecting much credit upon the pastor and members. It was up to date. Miss Carrie Buckner is improving after a week's illness. Remember The Freeman is on sale every Saturday morning. O. U. Taylor agent.

News Notes.

Houston, Texas, Special.—The new Masonic hall, which was built on the site of the old Masonic hall on Clay ave., that was damaged by the storm last September, was initiated by the Eastern Star on one Saturday night, recently, with a grand entertainment. The hall was crowded with the society folks of the city. Prof. Wm. Deleston's orchestra discoursed some of the latest hits of the season.

The protracted meeting, which is on at the Antioch Baptist church, is meeting with grand success.

The Houston Electric Street Railroad Company held its annual meeting in the street railway office. The old list of officers and board of directors were elected.

The Y. M. C. A. gave an entertainment at the Odd Fellows' hall on the 16th, and had a grand success.

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Jesse Gallagher has gone to San Antonio, Tex. Henry E. Washington, one of the waiters at the Rice Hotel, formerly of the Capitol Hotel, is one of The Freeman admirers. E. A. Pendon, of Beaumont, was in the city last week. J. W. Burly, of Lake Charles, La., is in the city and will make Houston his future home. James Grimes and Jas. Samuel Green visited the "Island City" last Sunday and had a pleasant time. Dr. J. H. Wilkins has moved his office from Travis street to 1112½ Preston ave. Read The Freeman and you will read the ideal Negro journal. Willie Williams and Luke Foster, two of Houston's gallant young men, are working at the Hutchins House, one of the best hotels in the state. Mr. Williams, about a year ago, was The Freeman agent and correspondent. Miss Mary Almonds, of Chappel Hill, Tex., is visiting Miss Carrie Lynard on Maple street. Read The Freeman and you will be up-to-date. The Auditorium is being repaired at present, as it was damaged somewhat by the recent storm. Tell your friends about The Freeman, and also do not forget the Houston local news every week. The Freeman can be found on sale at the corner of Main and Congress ave.

Popular Bluff Items.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.—On the 14th of this month a council met at the residence of Rev. H. A. Anthony to consider the expedience of organizing the Second Baptist church in Popular Bluff. The council was composed of the following members of the District Association: Rev. C. Rowlins, district missionary, Rev. H. S. Hunter, the E. and E. F. missionary, Elder H. A. Anthony, the district secretary of the association, Bro. Wm. Manns and Bro. A. D. Hick, members of the Pleasant Hill Baptist church. After considering the matter, the council proceeded to organize the said church, and gave it the name of Central Baptist church. It was organized with members properly dismissed with letters to enter the new organization. The little vine that was organized know that Rev. H. A. Anthony is a master builder, and call him their pastor. This will be the fourth church he has built in the district since he has been in the State of Missouri.

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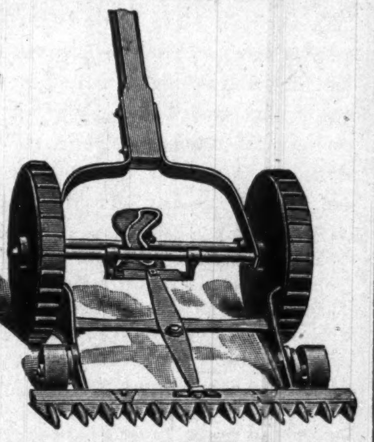

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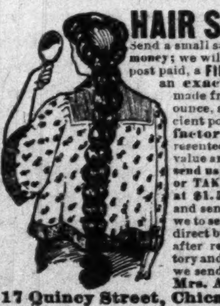

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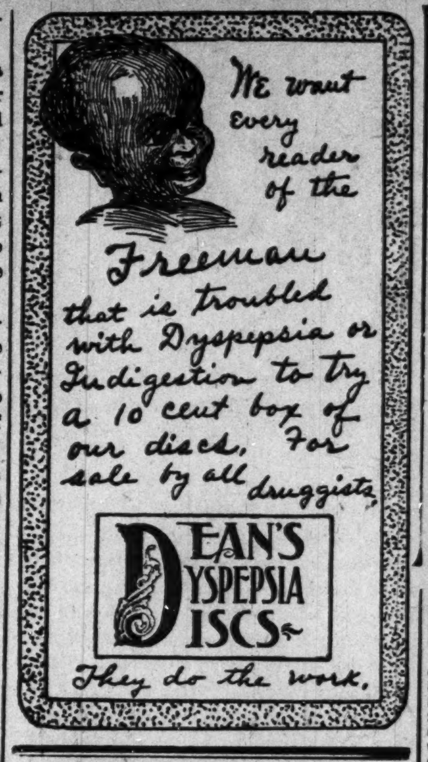

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M. J., Milwaukee, Wis.—In cutting, the ace is the lowest card in whist.

T. M. I., Chattanooga, Tenn.—Tom Cribb was champion of England in 1806; weight 196.

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Miss Eva, New Orleans, La.—Will you kindly name the most popular card game for parlor playing?

Whist.

Constant Reader, Atlanta, Ga.—Joe Walcott was born in the West Indies; George Dixon in Nova Scotia and George Byers in Pince Edward Island.

Hercules, Detroit, Mich.—Name one of Louis Cyr's greatest "strong man" feats?

4 300 pounds of live weight raised by pushing up with back, arms and legs until the platform was lifted clear of its trestles, at Boston, Mass, May 27, 1895.

B. T., Indianapolis, Ind.—Was Peter Maher ever the champion heavyweight pugilist of the world? 2. If so how did it happen?

Yes. 2. In 1895 Champion Corbett retired, and on doing so, he agreed to surrender the championship to the winner of the Steve O'Donnell-Peter Maher contest. Maher beat O'Donnell in the first round.

The prize fight at Paduch, Ky., on the 15th proved a success, and "Alabama Kid" did certainly appear, at which time he put "Kid" St. Lawrence out in first-class Jeffries style in four rounds. Geo. Byers put Jim Watts out in two rounds. Some one took the cash and cash box also and ducked away and that nor the defeated pugilists have been heard of Since.

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CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLES.

In a very interesting review of the different championship battles Billy Pierce, the noted Boston fistic authority, says:

"In the decade ending with December 31, 1900, there were many changes made in the personnel of the holders of championships. In the heavy weight division there were no less than four champions, John L. Sullivan, who won the title in the old prize ring style from Paddy Ryan at Mississippi City, Miss., February 7, 1882, and who held it during its evolution from the old prize ring style till its parlor transformation to the present boxing game. Sullivan lost his first battle and the championship at New Orleans, La, September 7, 1892, James J. Corbett winning the proud title. Corbett held the title less than five years, losing it at Carson City, Nev., March 17, 1897, to Robert Fitzsimmons. The latter held it till June 9, 1899, when he met Jim Jeffries and was dethroned in 11 rounds. In the middle weight class Fitzsimmons won the title January 14, 1891, from Jack Dempsey, and he has never been beaten for it since. Since his introduction to the heavy weight class, and especially after winning the heavy weight championship, Fitz was naturally looked upon as forfeiting all claim to the lighter weight. In view of this McCoy met Credon at Maspeth, L. I., December 17, 1897, for the middle weight championship, and McCoy won in 15 rounds. As the men met at catch weight the justness of this claim was never allowed by competent sporting writers.

The graduatien of Tommy Ryan from the welter weight class brought a challenge from him to all men who wanted to box at 154 pounds, the weight at which Fitzsimmons and Dempsey had contested for championship honors. Ryan is without doubt the best man at middle weight in America today. Root, Choynski and McCoy are too big to battle at the stipulated weight. Ryan has beaten Jack Bonner, Tommy West and other aspirants for the title. In the welter weight class there is a greater diversion of opinion regarding the championship than in any other Tommy Ryan won the title Febrnary 16, 1891, from Danny Needham at Minneapolis, Minn. He has never been defeated, but he has now outgrown the class. So has his most fearful rival, Billy Smith, and also Joe Walcott. The men who have taken their places in the championship line are Rube Ferns, Matty Matthews and Eddie Connolly. Matthews claimed the championship after beating Mysterious Billy Smith at weight in New York April 17, 1900. He lost the title to Eddie Connolly June 5, 1900, at New York, Connolly whipping him in 20 rounds. Connolly lost the title to Rube Ferns at Buffalo August 13, 1900, in 15 rounds, and Ferns got whipped at Detroit October 16, 1900, by Matthews in 15 rounds, which seems to place Matthews in the chair as champion. In the light weight class Jack McAuliffe clinched his claim to the title by defeating Billy Myer at New Orleans in 1892, and then sensibly relinquishing the title to Kid Lavinge. The latter had made an enviable reputation in the ring, especially through his contests at Maspeth, L. I., December 2, 1895, with Joe Walcott.

On March 11, 1896, McAliffe and Lavigne boxed six rounds at Madison Square Garden, New York City, and Lavigne's superiority was at all times evident. Lavigne held the championship till July 3, 1899, when Frank Erne outpointed him in 20 rounds at Cheektowaga, N. Y., and got the verdict on points. Erne still holds the title despite his knockout at the hands of McGovern. In the featherweight class on June 27, 1890, George Dixon won the championship of England by defeating Nunc Wallace; March 31, 1891, he won the American championship by defeating Cal McCarthy at Troy, N. Y., and July 18, same year, he won the championship of Austrlia by whipping Abe Willis at San Francisco, being the first international glove contest champion on record Dixon lost the championship to Solly Smith at San Francisco October 4, 1897. Smith lost the championship at the Lenox Club, New York, September 26, 1898, to Dave Sullivan in five rounds. Sullivan lost the title to George Dixon at the Lenox Club, New York, November 11, 1898, in 10 rounds. On January 9, 1900, Dixon again lost the championship, this time to the present holder, Terry McGovern, the contest taking place at New York, and Terry winning in eight rounds. The bantam-weight championship was held by Jimmy Barry for the best part of the decade, and on his retirement the title was claimed for Tommy Feltz. This was disputed by Danny Dougherty, of Philadelphia, and in a hard battle the latter proved his right by whipping Feltz.

Normal Notes.

Normal, Ala., Special.—H. M. Turner D. D., L L D, honored Normal, with his presence, last Saturday and Sunday. He lectured Saturday night to the teachers and students on "What Merit Will Achieve For The Negro Race." The lecture was a most remarkable one, and all enjoyed it and felt lifted up by it. On Sunday morning, he preached an able eloquent and instructive sermon. In the afternoon President Councill accompanied the Bishop to Huntsville, where he preached at the A. M. E. church to an over flowing congregation. Although Bishop Turner has visited Normal often, this was the grandest occasion of all. His intellect, wisdom and eloquence have all increased with age. Many whites who heard him were amazed at his learning and power of expression. Sergeant Dove Simelton one of Normal's devoted students writes of his thrilling experiences in the Phillippines and sends greetings to all.

News Items.

Oxford, O., Special.—Mrs. Mary Smith, the renowned Evangelist of Zanesville, opened her series of meetings at Bethel A. M. E. church on last Sunday by preaching a touching and interesting sermon. Mrs. Nancy Prock, Mr. Eleigh Williams and Mr. John Rockhold are still ill. The drama entitled the 'Spinster's Convention" given in the city hall on Thursday the 14th was a complete success. Rev. G. H Vibbert, of Massachusetts, gave an interesting talk in Bethel A. M. E. church on Saturday 16, in behalf of temperance. Charles Marshall an aged citizen of this city passed away on Sunday the 10th. Funeral services were held in the Baptist church on Wednesday the 13th, Rev. Page officiated.

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which is sold with an iron-clad guarantee to do all that is claimed for it, or we will forfeit $50.00. Now, we ask you a plain question—would we absolutely agree to forfeit $50.00 if you are dissatisfied with our preparations, if they were not true to all we claim for them? We have advertised for several years under this guarantee, and we are glad to say that every one who has used Ozono has been satisfied in every respect.

20,000 people are to-day using our preparations, and every purchaser recommends Ozono as the King of all Hair Tonics. Ozono will positively take the Kinks out of Knotty, Kinky, Harsh, Curly, Refractory, Troublesome Hair. It will make short, harsh hair long and straight. It will cure your head of all itching, worrying scalp diseases. Itch, Eczema, Dandruff, and Scurf can not live after Ozono has been applied. It will stop your hair from falling out. It will restore gray hair to its natural color, making the hair long and soft.

Now, right here, let us make a statement. Many firms are advertising remedies to straighten hair, but when they send the preparation they tell you to use hot irons. Friends, do not use hot irons; they will burn up the life of the hair, and cause it to drop out. Ozono straightens without any outside assistance. Nothing but Ozono is necessary, and the hair stays straight forever. You can stop the use at any time. The good effects on the hair are seen in a day or two after the first application.

The price of Ozono is 50c. a bottle—4 boxes do the work. We make this liberal offer, which is good at any time: Cut out this coupon and send to us, enclosing with it the sum of One Dollar, and we will forward to you four large boxes of Ozono and one large bottle of Electrical Skin Refiner, which makes black skin bright, rough skin soft and pliant, and cures all skin diseases. Also removes all facial imperfections, and actually removes small-pox pits. We will also include one fancy jar of our Electrical Skin Food—Nature's great beautifier—removes wrinkles, moth patches, freckles, and all facial blemishes; makes the old look young and the young look younger.

We will also include one package of our celebrated Scalp Soap, which is absolutely CHEMICALLY PURE, and no soap but a pure soap should ever be used on the scalp. And, lastly, to prove our liberality, we will put in a pint package of Anti-Odor, a positive cure for Sore Throat or Mouth, all forms of Womb Diseases, Chilblains, Sore and Frosted Feet; also removes all smells and odors arising from the human body, such as feet, arm pits, etc.

The actual value of this Grand Aggregation is $4.00, but we let you have it for $1.00, simply to introduce honest goods. In order to protect the public in general from imitations of our goods, and to avoid mistakes, we have placed upon our coupon our Trade-Mark, one head showing Short Hair and the other head Long Hair. The U. S. Government has granted us this trade-mark, and it is registered in the Patent Office at Washington; so if the coupon has this trade-mark on it, you will make no mistake. Use only the coupon having the two heads on it. As to our responsibility, we refer you to the Editor of this paper or to the Metropolitan Bank of Richmond, Va. We have thousands of testimonials we have not space to publish. Here is a sample of one:

Boston Chemical Company:

Dear Sirs,—You are at liberty to state in any newspaper that I have used OZONO, and give it my most hearty recommendation. I have been fooled so often, it does me good to recommend honest goods.

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Here is another:

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A last word. OZONO is absolutely guaranteed to straighten hair and cause a beautiful and luxurious growth. If your hair is already straight, you can use it to secure a glossy long growth. Buy only the genuine "OZONO." Send us $1.00 at once, and the goods will be sent the same day we receive your order.

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If you want 4 lots like above, send $3.00. If you have a friend who has no coupon, let her write her name on a piece of paper and pin to coupon when you send your order.

TOM THE TATTLER,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

William Jennings Bryan is now engaged in publishing a paper called the "Commoner." If it were named according to its contents it would be called the "Commonest."

The Troubadours might do for Squedunkville but they should give Chicago a wide berth.

"Gospel weather" will soon be here.

Judging from the present crop of piano-manipulators, the piano is an instrument that cares not who plays it.

My old friend Johnson, if reports be true, will soon be admitted to the bar. When his words fail to persuade, he might roll a piano into court and, after the pathetic rendition of an old fashioned jubilee, gain the verdict.

A very stingy man and a very stingy woman applied to Clerk Salmonson the other day for a license to wed. The man thought the woman should have paid for it, while she insisted it was his duty to provide the same. They became involved in a heated argument over the matter and went away in anger without the license.

In the future whenever a bride and a groom cannot reach an agreement as to the settlement of the license fee, I would suggest as a compromise, that each one pay half and thereby save themselves the necessity of losing their tempers, and indulging in language anything but complimentary.

Everybody has brains but some people have them arranged in ragtime way.

On March 13th, at Corsicana, Texas, John Henderson was burned at the stake, in the presence of 400 people.

"I see, said Mandy, who was reading the evening paper, "telling a lie caused Mr. Chang to be hung."

"Telling a lie caused Mr. Chang to be hung?" replied her husband. "Why, what do you mean?"

"Nothing," she rejoined, "only the paper here says Li Hung Chang."

Thomas W. Seal and Dora B. Melton were among those who took out marriage license yesterday. When the icy blasts of winter come again, this long-headed pair can wrap their names about them and bid defiance to the cold.—Chicago Journal.

Young lady to parrot: "Polly want a cracker?"

Polly: "My dear Miss, I'm not that cheap."

Last night a prima donna while rendering a classic number had the misfortune to have a note stick in her throat, and but for the timely arrival of a physician, who extracted it, would have choked to death.

There is but one minister in the Illinois Legislature. He must feel quite lonely, and if he maintains his ministerial dignity during the life of the legislature he is indeed a true son of God. On the other hand, suppose he converts the legislature, wouldn't Illinois then be a paradise? What an impressive spectacle it would be to see all the members of the legislature on their knees indulging in fervent prayer for divine guidance.

The band of the Chicago University is having some trouble in learning some Chinese music with which to welcome Wu Ting Fang when he visits it next week. After considerable difficulty they succeeded in getting the music, but the only member of the band who could get any thing out of it was the bass drummer.

They should have had more sense than to try to attempt it. Chinese music was never intended for cornets, altos, trombones, and such things, but if you get tin cans, wash boilers, kettles, etc., with some sticks, it can be rendered to perfection. It is nothing common on Hollow'een night, and other similar occasions to hear a gang of boys render a Chinese Symphony.

I forgot to mention that cats might be used to embellish Chinese music under a good director the meows a other utterances of Thomas Cats can be used with telling effect.

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..CITY NOTES..

Mr. I. Stone is convalescent.

Mrs. Wm. Bass of Muncie is the guest of relatives here.

Miss Edna Brown is improving after a severe illness.

Mrs. Sarah Francis is convalescent after a painful illness.

Undertaker C. M. C. Willis is improved after an illness.

Mrs. Ida Bass and son Paul are in Bloomington with relatives.

A ladies and gents cafe has been opened in connection with the Propigandist club.

Mr. Reginald Rockett, one of Terre Haute's leading young men, is a guest of the city.

Prof. W. H. Huffman leaves to-day to spend his vacation the guest of relatives in Springfield, O.

Mesdames Sadie Hill and Tunie Pierce are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Robinson, 1032 Fayette.

Mr. Clarence Starks has gone on an extended tour through Indiana and Illinois with Dr. Roberts.

Mesdames Lulu Johnson and Lucinda Murphy of Bloomington are the guest of friends here this week.

Rev. I. Garland Penn lectured at Simpson Chapel Tuesday night subject "The Epworth League Works."

Mrs. John Filson left Sunday morning for Dayton, O., to attend the wedding of her sister Miss Mattie Miller.

Mrs. Charles Bass returned to her home in Sullivan after a pleasant stay with Mrs. and Mr. W. Norman Curry.

Mr. Johnnie Myers left Wednesday morning for Lexington, Ky., where he will spend two weeks the guest of his mother.

Miss Agnes Booth and Miss Minnie Cornett left Tuesday for Chattanooga, Tenn., to attend the wedding of a relative.

Elder H. A. Southgate of Maysfield, Ky., is the guest of Hon. George L. Knox while attending the M. E. Conference.

Little Dallas McFarren aged three years was accidentally drowned Sunday. The funeral took place from the house Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary E. Taylor came Tuesday and was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Morgan and her daughter Dr. Louisa Taylor this week.

Quite a number of the local Knights of Pythias go to Anderson to-morrow to attend the annual services of the K. of P. lodge in that city.

The Zenda club entertained guests Thursday evening at Odd Fellow's hall. The evening which is known as "Guests Night" was pleasantly spent.

Mr. Willis O. Tyler of Bloomington passed through the city Saturday and called on friends. Mr. Tyler is spending his vacation in the Northern part of the state.

Mr. George W. Stewart was a pleasant caller at The Freeman Tuesday. Mr. Stewart was enroute from St. Louis to be the guest of his wife and family in Dayton, O., for ten days.

Miss Florence Miller is dead after a long illness. After an appropriate service at her home, 2870 Founder street, the remains were removed to Knightstown Thursday where the funeral proper was held in the M. E. church and intered.

In honor of Mr. John H. Jackson, Mrs. Jackson gave a birthday reception. There was quite a number present whom participated in games and other amusements, and a very refreshing repast was served and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Cards, announcing the marriage of Miss Eva Margaret Winn to Mr. Wilby Grider, have been issued. The ceremony will be solemnized at the residence of the bride's parents 1373 W. 12th street April 10. Miss Grace Hogan of Cincinnati will act as brides maid.

Mrs. Susie Williams is hostess to Mesdames Bush and Tribute of Cincinnati this week. The reception given Wednesday afternoon and evening in honor of these ladies, was an illaborate and pleasing affair and many partook of the sumptuous repast and exchanged greetings.

The Young Men's Prayer Band met in a business session last Thursday evening. It was decided that the band could better attain the end for which it was organized by having a permanent place for meeting. The elders of the Ninth Presbyterian church offered them a home at their church which the band accepted. It is very fortunate in securing this church as a meeting place because it is certainly located and no other meeting of the church interferes with the meeting of the band. Therefore the band will meet at the Ninth Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and each Sunday thereafter at the same hour. The Bible class will also meet at this church every Thursday evening.

Sewing School.

Mother, ladies and friends, now's the time to have your daughter know how to cut, fit, and finish their gowns; new spring novelties are now in cut by tailor system of inch measurement which cuts french bias darts, double under arm gores, double hips, springs, fine finishing basting, designing, boning, pessing; bring your own material, cut and sew for yourself. While learning students out of city will receive special attention, an evening class, time unlimited. Mattie Green 1211 Lewis street.

A Great Day in Baptist Churches.

Easter Sunday in the Baptist churches will in all probability be a great day. While Baptist do not observe Easter, as such, the Foreign mission board, of which Rev. L. G. Jordon, D. D. 718 W. Walnut street Louisville Ky., is correspondent secretary holds its annual rally on that day. The very excellent programs are out and we predict a $5,000 victory for Dr. Jordan on that day. Indeed this is a small sum from nearly two million Baptists' especially when we consider the amount of time and earnest efforts the secretary, for the past five years has put forth to educate and arouse his church in missions. Then too, the great array of prominent Baptist leaders now making themselves felt and heard all over this country ought to assure $10,000 for missions in this annual effort. The board has our best wishes for a great victory.

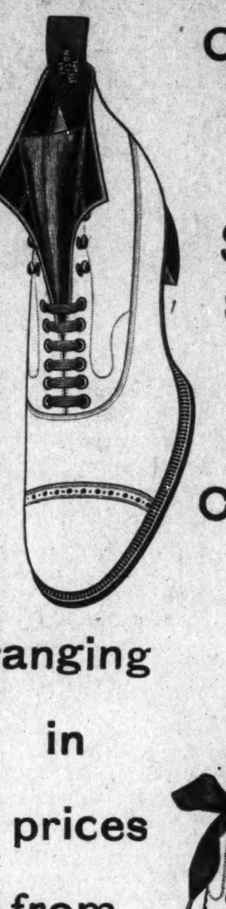
Navasota News.

Navasota, Tex., Special.—A good rain fell last night in this section. The 5th, 6th and 7th grade in the city high school gave a social Friday evening. Misses Willie Blount, Parthenia Lynch and Geniva Feathestone were special guests. Mr. Emery Goodwin is spending a few days with old friends and will leave in a few days for Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. Lucille Carter, of Galveston, left for Brazonia, Tex., Monday. Mrs. Alice Hayes made a short stay in Houston this week. Mr. Peter Jackson an old pioneer of Grimes county, died in Waco, Monday and his remains were brought home for interment Tuesday. He leaves quite a large family of sons, daughters and grand children to mourn their loss. Mrs. Annie Kenwood died Sunday night. Mr. N. Jones came home from Ennis to attend the funeral of Mr. Peter Jackson. Rev. A. W. Smith of San Antonio passed through Friday enroute to Anderson. Mr. Chas. Reed has returned from Bryan. Mr. Joseph Austin has returned from Dallas to stay. Mrs. Alice Beck made a flying trip to Houston to visit her husband H. H. Beck. Rev. W. Hartley Jackson P. C., of the M. E. church has a revival up-to-date, there are 30 additions to the church; Revs. Hooper, Adams and Tanner (white) has very ably assisting our colored devines in the revival making more harmony than ever has been manifested in the South before. Mr. Jack Debose died in Waco, Thursday night and his remains were brought home for interment. Prof. A. White was in the city Wednesday purchasing farm supplies to the amount of a $125 which speaks well of our Anderson farmer professor.

Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Rev. Baily of the M. E. church left Monday for Conference which convenes at Indianapolis. Rev Baily filled the pulpit at A. M. E. church Sunday evening. Mr. James Willis of South Hackley street will move his family to Middletown, Ind. We regret very much to lose Mr. Willis and wife, but wish them success in their new home. The A. M. E. Literary Society discussed the question: "Resolved, That Colonization is the way of Solving the Negro Problem" Thursday evening. Mr. Chester and J. M. Bass, of Dark County, are visiting relatives in the city. A party was given in their honor at the home of Mr. Jeffries. Quite a number came over from Anderson on the Interurban and spent a few hours in our city Sunday evening. Mrs. Omer Knox was called to Dublin by the death of a relative. Mrs. Felix Harold is very ill at her home on S. Walnut street. Mrs. J. Gray Lucas, of Chicago, Ill., is at the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Stokes who has been seriously ill but is much improved at this writing. "The Society Swells" gave a March Assembly in the Bishop Block Wednesday evening. The young people of this city expect to produce "Jeptha's Vow," a cantata some time next month. The Ladies Progress Club will give a "May Fair" the 1, 2, 3 of May.

SPRING SHOES



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MAROTTS

Newsy Notes.

Zanesville, O., Special.—The funeral of the late Mr. Ballinger, formerly of Ashville, N. C, was held from his residence on Eighth street last week. Nelly, the daughter of Rev. R. J. Mortimer, formerly pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. church, died at her home in Delaware, O., last week. The agent for this paper is also agent for the Colored American Magazine of Boston, Mass., tell all your friends about it. Mary Clifford, wife of John Clifford, departed this life Wednesday March 20, at age of 76 years: Funeral was held Friday from St. Paul A. M. E. church, they had been married 55 years. Tolbert G. Mitchel, the little son of Joseph Micthel has been taken to Margaret Blue Sanitarium on account of typhoid fever. Rev. Maxwell was guest of his family in Xenia, O., this week. The great revival which has been in progress at St. Paul A. M. E. church for several weeks past will close Sunday evening with a grand jubilee. Messrs. Edward and Sheldon Carlisle, students at Wilberforce, have returned home for spring vacation. Mr. William Brown of South street is recovering from an attack of lagrippe.

Macon News.

Macon, Mo., Special.—The funeral of the late James W. Coleman, Sr., took place from the Bethel A. M. E. church Saturday evening at 2 o'clock the 23rd. inst. The deceased was one of the oldest members of the church, he leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Messrs. Phil and Will Wallace, Charley Drew will spend Easter in Hannibal, Mo Miss Ella Eubanks and Surree Lynn of Kirksville, Mo., spent Sunday in Macon.

MEETING OF VOTERS

An Organization Perfected--The North Chicago League

Chicago, Ill., Special.—The voters of the various North Side wards met at Mr. C. Hughes' place, 135 North Clark street, last Tuesday evening, and organized the North Chicago League, with following named officers: C. Hughes, president; George W. Ramsey, first vice president; W. C. Bell, second vice president; J. B. Streets, third vice president; J. H. Lawrence, fourth vice president; Jos. Miller, fifth vice president; A. A. Kelley, secretary; S. Davis, assistant secretary; W. D. Blackburn, corresponding secretary; J. T. Jones, treasurer; H. M. Baumgarten, sergeant at arms. They indorsed the republican ticket from top to bottom. Mrs. Lamphier will deliver an address at the Sunday Club April 7. According to present indications Judge Hanescy will be elected Mayor of Chicago by 45,000 majority. A grand mass meeting was held at Herman church last Friday night under the auspices of the 22nd Ward republican club; G. W. Ramsey, the efficient president, presided; Wm. H. Parker, who is one of our best lawyers, was the orator of the evening; he delivered an excellent address, which was highly appreciated. A very enthusiastic republican meeting was held at Wayman church on the 18 inst. under the direction of the 21st ward club; speeches were made by R. McCoomer, S. D. Hayes, W. D. Blackburn, Geo. W. Johnson, J. H. Alexander, C. Hughes, G. W. Ramsey. J. Cook will return from Hot Springs, Ark., about April 1. Send your notes and money to The Freeman agent, C. Hughes, 135 N. Clark street. D. E. Tyler, of 3111 La Salle street, spent last week in Washington, D. C., visiting friends and relatives. R. McCoomer delivered a very able and interesting address to the Sunday club last Sunday. Mrs. A. Bowden read the Colored American Magazine at the club. The sum of $40.00 was realized by the Sunday club at its entertainment on the 21 inst.; an excellent program was rendered. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lillard attended the 43rd birthday anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Clark at 3142 La Salle street last Tuesday night.

FROM NEW IBERIA

Interesting Items Gathered by Our Energetic Correspondent

New Iberia, La., Special.—Miss Katie Dantrive and Miss Jennie Fortenet, of Plaquemine, La., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkins at their new home on St. Peter street. Many hearts will be made to rejoice whenever the Giberts shingle mill resumes operations. This concern has been closed all the year, and its closing casted a financial gloom over our people, as more colored labor is employed by it than any concern in the Parish. Your correspondent whilst in Abbeville a few days ago, found that little city in a state of prosperity; more work is being done there than is being done in some of our larger towns. Boston Conor, Jr., of that place, is building a beautiful little cottage; a prudent boy, build the cage and you will catch the bird. Rev. Herod is still doing a fine educational work in that thriving little town. Cyrus Briggs is elated over his last year's success with his crop, and as a consequence is making greater preparations for this year's crop. The Brigg's success as a farmer is an illustration of what energy, perseverance and frugality will accomplish. Lewis George and Aurguilla Gilmore, two progressive young men, will soon embark into the charcoal business; they are deserving of your patronage. Miss Rosa Ford and Henry Williams will soon be quietly wedded at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Melvine Lee. Buy your spring medicines at the People's drug store; A. V. Boutte proprietor.

BREEZY NEWS

Interesting News Items for Our Many Readers

Macon, Mo., Special.—The funeral of Mrs. P. A., wife of Rev. W. I. Osborn, took place from the Bethel A. M. E. church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock; Presiding Elder Beal, of Hannibal, Mo., officiated; a vast number of friends were present. Rev. E. H. Bordon, of the Western Baptist College, preached two able sermons at the A. M. E. church Sunday. Mrs. Nannie Hall and Lou O. C., of Kirksville, Mo., visited friends here Saturday and Sunday. John Brown, a very enterprising young man, has accepted a position as waiter at the "B. M. A." J. W. Guy entertained at his beautiful home on 4th street Tuesday evening; quite a number attended and all report a nice time. Sylvester Oliver has resigned his position as waiter at The Tremont. Prof. F. L. Brown, leader of Brown's Concert Band, was called to Ardmore to take charge of a young band at that place; it is a band of 18 pieces, and is progressing rapidly under Prof. Brown's management. The "Cuban" reception at the M. M. M. hall on the 28th was the swellest affair of the season. Vainey Black, of Moberly, visited friends here Sunday. Johnnie Houston went to Moberly Monday to attend a masquerade ball. Homer Noel, of Macomb, Ill., passed through the city Sunday, enroute to Sturgeon, Mo.

In a Lonely Land

Company "G" 24th Infantry,
Caraglan, Luzon, P. I., Dec. 12th, 1900.
The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen:—Fully aware of the novelty of this letter and its import, I write it, sincerely hoping that you and the readers of The Freeman will not get a wrong conception of the motives which I have in doing so, I will be brief and explain: I am lonesome; no other word in the English language comes so near to a true statement of the cause or source of this inspiration. I want to correspond with some young lady or ladies who would be so kind as to write to a soldier in these far away islands, where even the waves as they roll in upon the beach make us think of the "Girls we left behind us"—the American girls. There is nothing that can compare with a letter, to dispel and prevent enui when one is so far away from home and civilization as we are are, especially when that letter is from one of the gentler sex. I assure you, sirs, and all who may wish to write that my motives are strictly honorable. The object of all correspondence on my part will be for amusement, social and intellectual advancement, and for any other purpose consistent with what has been already written.

Hoping that this communication will receive your kind approbation; an early publication, an office and press room oration, and not cause consternation among the very modest of the nation, I am,

Very truly yours,
WESLEY T. WILLIAMS.
Com's'y Clerk.

I subscribe to the above and wish to hear from every young lady in Indianapolis,

FRANK THOMAS,
Co. "G" 24th Inf.

A Good Man Gone.

Grant, I. T., Special.—Rev. Allen Linox died March 22; he leaves a widow and five children, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn their loss. He was the president of the republican league and vice-president of the republican club. He was born in 1851 in Red River county, Texas. Our loss is heaven's gain.

A Prosperous Farmer Dead.

Meridian, Miss., Special.—Samuel S. Hill died Jan. 24, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m. He came to this city in 1868, and located about three miles West of the city. He was married to Miss Mattie Emmerson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Emmerson, a very prominent family; and later he purchased a place and began farming, which has been his occupation until his death. He was known as a race man, stern and energetic and full of ambition, and a christian gentleman. He was leader of a band of christians that erected a church and named it in his honor. Among us he leaves a loving wife and a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends to mourn his demise; while we know he is called home only to rest from his labors.

News Notes.

Popular Bluff, Mo., Special.—Rev G. A. Harie is improving. Mr McIntosh has opened a restaurant on Main street. Rev. H. M Miller left for Little Rock, Ark, the 25th. The Pleasant Hill Baptist church is prospering.

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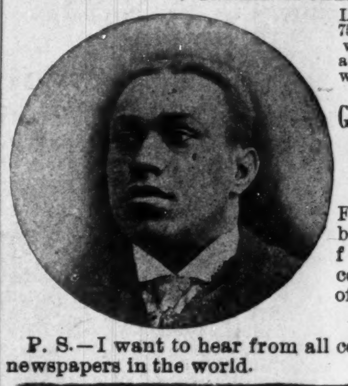

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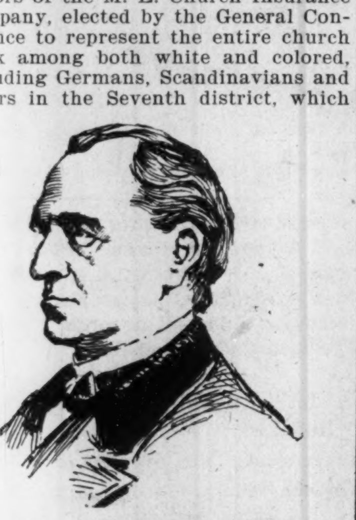
The Lexington M. E. Conference.

The Lexington Annual Conference of the M. E. church which is now holding its thirty-second session in Simpson Chapel, is composed of one hundred and forty-six ministers, and has one hundred and sixty-five church buildings, valued at $247,855.00; sixty-seven parsonages, $32,093.00, and a membership of 12,000. Its territory includes Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and six appointments in Illinois.

It is composed of colored ministers exclusively, and thirty-two years ago was a part of the Kentucky conference, which is at this time composed of white ministers exclusively. The separation was made according to the law of the church on the vote of two-thirds of each race requesting it. There is no "white branch" nor "colored branch" in the M. E. church, and the general conference officers who will attend the conference will come as representatives of one church.

Dr. Mason, colored, senior corresponding secretary of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, represents the college work in forty-eight institutions in the South, twenty-four among the colored people and twenty-four among the whites. Dr. Thirkield, white, does the same. Drs. Scott and Jones are the representatives of an official church paper. The Rev. E. L. Gilliam, of this city, is one of the executive committee of the board of directors of the M. E. Church Insurance Company, elected by the General Conference to represent the entire church work among both white and colored, including Germans, Scandinavians and others in the Seventh district, which



BISHOP S M MERRILL.

includes Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. The Rev. W. H. Nelson, colored, with the Rev. J. H. Talbott, white, are directors of the great publishing interests, representing millions of dollars in property and stock.

In every particular the whites and colored stand in the M. E. church upon the same footing, that is, a member entitled to every right, privilege and immunity, as set forth and guaranteed by the law.

Among the important business matters to be settled by this conference is the adoption of the new constitution referred from the last General Conference. The new constitution contains a provision removing the time limit in the duration of a pastorate. It is also proposed to admit women as delegates to the General Conference. Another matter to be consideded is the proposition to establish a school for the higher education of the colored youths of the Lexington Conference. If the plan meets with favorable consideration a college will be erected on a site to be selected in Kentucky.

Preliminary to the opening of the conference the Rev. Irvine Garland Penn, assistant general secretary of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church, on Tuesday evening delivered an address to an audience that completely filled the chapel on the "Work and Growth of the Epworth League." After speaking of the marvelous growth of the league organization Mr. Penn spoke of its work in relation to other denominations. "Methodism," he said, "has always stood to help all people without respect to race or denomination. In this day, when all legislation against the Negro is based upon the profligacy and shiftlessness of the young people, it would have a pleasant moral effect for the young Negro people to drop denominational lines and to assemble in a great conference so that it may be known that some have not bowed their heads to Baal." In conclusion Mr. Penn said: "There is a future in America for upright, intelligent, spiritual, moral and thrifty young people of the Negro race. We are many years removed from where the fathers were. Be therefore not discouraged. Be manly, be courageous, be dutiful, be helpful and stand by the church and the schoolhouse. The building of a race and the acceptance of the sons and daughters of ex-slaves by ex-slaveholders on terms of equality can not entirely be accomplished in a day. We have run well; only to run faster and better must be the rallying cry. For it we need young men and women trained in heart, head and body."

Secretary Penn reports a league membership of 1,800,000 in the United States and Canada.

According to the secretary's report, the colored people in the Methodist church number 270,000, with 1,622 chapters or separate organizations of the Epworth League. Indiana has thirty-nine churches, adjunct of the white Methodists, and thirty-six Epworth Leagues. Secretary Penn viewed with apprehension the migration of the vicious Negro element of the South to the North, where they hope to escape many of the order-loving class of colored people of the North, who are looked to to exert an influence for Christian morality that shall lift up or reach this hitherto unreached class of persons. He referred to the call for a Young People's Christian Union to meet at Washington, D. C., in August, 1902, to devise means to reach especially young colored men and women who are drifting into walks of vice and crime.

The session proper was begun last Tuesday morning promptly at 9 o'clock with Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, presiding.

After singing and devotional exercises, the administration of the Lord's supper was conducted by the bishop, assisted by elders of the church. The roll call showed few absentees, those principally among superannuated members of the conference. The election of a conference and a statistical secretary and a conference treasurer was next in order. The election was by written ballot, and named as secretary, E. A. White; statistical secretary, W. H. Riley; treasurer, H. W. Tate. A communication from Dr. W. P. Thirkield, secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Educational Society, was read, in which he stated his inability to be present at the opening of the conference. The conference preliminaries consumed the greater part of the time until the adjournment at noon.

The statistical session of the conference began at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and lasted an hour. Statistics of the conference showed each department of the church to be in a healthful condition.

At 3 O'clock the missionary sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Ross, followed by an address by Mrs. I. B. Jones, of Cincinnati (white), president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the United States. The afternoon session closed with an address by the Rev. Paris Fisher.

At the close of the sermon a large missionary collection was secured. Mrs. I. B. Jones of the Cincinnati deaconess home was introduced and gave a short talk on the deaconess movement of the Methodist church.

"This organization," she said, "is a modern restoration of the apostolic order of deacons or 'helpers.' The work was revived by Fleetner, a German, in the early part of the last century and rapidly spread over Europe. The Methodist deaconess work was organized by the general conference of 1884 and now has over three hundred deaconesses, property valued at $359,000, thirty-seven homes and five training schools for girls. The work is sustained by the Woman's home missionary siciety. A plan is now being completed to erect a deaconess home for colored girls."

W. F. Oldham, general secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, addressed the delegates and a large audience at Simpson Chapel Wednesday night on the work and progress of the missionary society.

Mr. Oldham confined his remarks almost entirely to missionary work in relation to the colored race. He spoke of the great difficulties which confront the Negro, especially in the South, saying that the problem of advancement for the race in the South is most difficult of solution. All easy solutions of the question, said Mr. Oldham, were nonsensical, and it was a problem which could only be solved by time. The whites would have to accord the blacks greater opportunities, and the blacks would have to better appreciate and improve their opportunities. The Negroes, he said, wanted education as well as religion. "And religion," continued Mr. Oidham, "consists not only in religious devotion, but in deeds. The Negro must have a stronger foundation than an emotional nature and a happy exuberance of spirit. God knows the Negro has enough of the emotional and what they want is a more accurate knowledge of the ethical side of religion. Shouting on Sunday will not excuse a Negro from loafing on Monday or breaking the ten Commandments all the rest of the week. The Negro needs an education such as will make him a master in getting hold of the things of the earth. He should study his spelling book and arithmetic if he would command the respect of the people. It is for this purpose that the missionary societies stand at the back of your ministers so that they will have the courage to stand up and tell the people of a struggling race what is good for them. There are many places in this world where the people are yet unborn in the religion of Jesus Christ. China is yet to be reborn, India must be regenerated and the Negroes must play a part in the great work. It is as much their place to help the missionary societies in this work as it is the people of any other race. The people the world over are hungering and thirsting for Christ, even though they don't know Him by that name. Wherever the gospel is taken and brought level with the understanding of men it satisfies the thirst and the hunger of the restless soul."

REV. I. B. SCOTT, D. D.
Editor Southwestern Christian Advocate.

REV. I. GARLAND PENN,
Assistant Secretary Epworth League.

In conclusion Mr. Oldham said that he had been engaged all his life in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. He had been in every country on the face of the earth and had baptized some of every pagan race in the world. "I believe," said he, "in folks, regardless of race, and I believe in God, and I think the best thing that any man ever did was to help God and folks get in touch with each other."

At the session of the conference Thursday morning, the different pastors' reports and communications from lay members of the conference were submitted. Dr. M. S. Hard (white), secretary of the church extension board, spoke to the conference on the needs of this board and related several instances of handsome bequests recently made to aid in its work. On motion of the Rev. L. M. Hagood, a vote to double the church extension fund for the coming year was carried. On request of Bishop Merrill, a committee for the consideration of written charges of debt and other offenses coming from the members of various churches was appointed and several communications were placed in its hands.

A communication from the Rev. M. S. McDowell, secretary of the board of education, was read and its recommendations submitted to the conference.

Thursday afternoon was set apart as Freedmen's Aid anniversary, at which time the Rev. Dr. W. P. Thirkield (white), general secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the M. E. Church, had been announced to deliver his famous lecture, "The Black Sampson; His Possibilities and His Future."

Owing to illness, however, Dr. Thirkield was unable to reach the city, and the Rev. L. M. Hagood and the Rev. Joseph Courtney, the latter a member of the board of directors of the Freedmen's Aid Society, were assigned by Bishop Merrill to deliver the anniversary address.

The church extension anniversary was observed Thursday evening, when Secretary Hard, of the church extension board, delivered the principal address.

The conference sessions are being largely attended, and ministers of nearly every denomination are interested spectators. The Revs. B. J. Coleman, of Franklin, and W. H. Taylor, of Anderson, of the A. M. E. Church, were visitors to the conference Wednesday.

Thursday night's session was more largely attended than any during the convention. The Rev. E. L. Gilliam presided. The meeting was a celebration of the church extension. Dr. M. S. Hard, assistant corresponding secretary of the church extension department, delivered the address. He said churches are the most important buildings in a community and are necessities. He said the church extension society has helped to build 133 churches in the Lexington Conference alone, and 11,677 in the United States. There are two ways the society uses in helping churches, he said, one by donations and the other by loans.

Friday morning the laymen of the Lexington Conference began their convention. In the afternoon Dr. H. C. Jennings delivered an address, Mrs. M. J. Corbin spoke on "Woman's Worth to Christianity," Miss Hannah Posey delivered an address on "How to systematize Our Church Offerings," J. D. Wilks spoke on "When Do Societies Injure the Church?" and Dr. M. S. Hard closed the session with an address.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29.

10:00 a. m. Devitional Services.
10:30 a. m. Roll Call. Appointment of Committees.
10:50 a. m. Address by Dr. W. P. Thirkield.
11:10 a. m. Adoption of Proposed Constitution.
12:15 p. m. Recess.

Afternoon Session.

1:30 p. m. Address, Dr. H. C. Jennings.
2:10 p. m. Woman's Worth to Christianity, Mrs. M. J. Corbin.
2:30 p. m. How to Systematize Our Church Offerings, Miss Hannah Posey.
3:00 p. m. When Do Societies Injure the Church? J. D. Wilks.
3:20 p. m. Address, Dr. M. S. Hard.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30.

10:00 a. m. Devotions.
10:30 a. m. The Laymen's Association, J. A. Washington.
10:50 a. m. No True Christianity Without Morality, Miss Ella Carter.
11:10 a. m. Evil Agencies, A. V. Meeks.
11:40 a. m. Women in Revivals, Mrs. Dolly Lewis.
12:15 p. m. Recess.

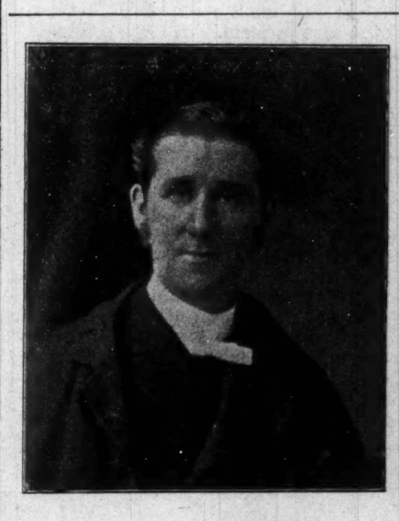
Aternoon Session.

2:00 p. m. Election of Officers for ensuing year. Adoption of resolutions, etc.
3:40 p. m. Announcements and adjournment.

J. A. WASHINGTON,
President.

Friday evening Dr. M. C. B. Mason, of Cincinnati, delivered his famous lecture on "Some Providential Movements in Africa" and the church was crowded to its fullest capacity to hear him.

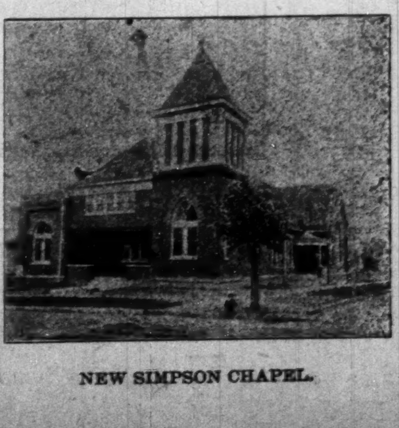
The Woman's Home Missionary Society, of which Mrs. Dollie Lewis is President, will hold their anniversary at 2 o'clock to-day, at which time the Society will be addressed by Miss Dale, of Cincinnati.



DR W P. THIRKIELD,
Secretary Freedmens' Aid and Educational Society.

At 4 o'clock the missionary address will be delivered by Dr. Benj. Payne, a native African, who is a graduate of the classical and medical departments of Walden University at Nashville, Tenn.

Saturday evening will be the anniversary of the Southwestern Christian Advocate and the meeting will be addressed by Dr. R. E. Jones, business manager of the paper. After his address will come the anniversary of the Educational Society, which will be addressed by Rev. E. L. Gilliam, of this city.



NEW SIMPSON CHAPEL.

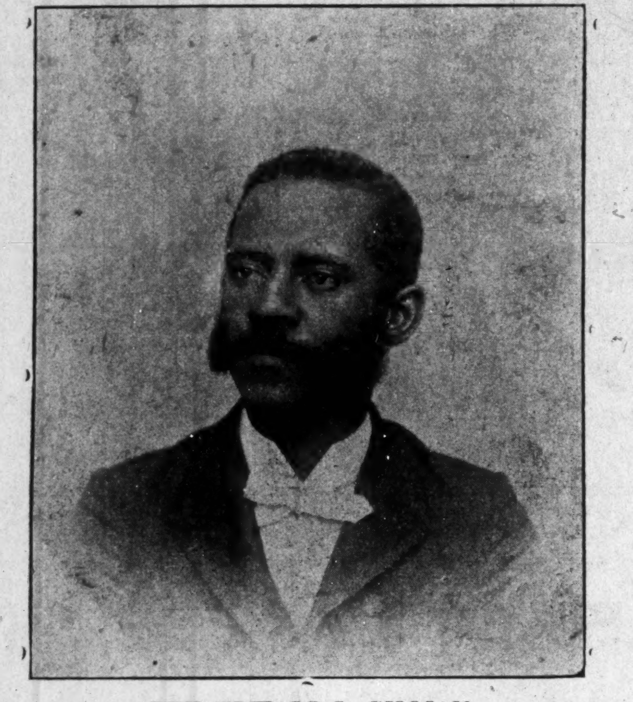
PERSONNEL.

Among the prominent church officials and pastors attending the conference are:

The Rev. Joseph Courtney, D. D., member board of managers and directors Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society. He has been presiding elder of Ohio and Lexington

siding Elder Louisville District is one of the most eloquent preachers in the United States. He has served as Presiding Elder of the Indiana, Ohio and Louisville Districts. Was elected by the General Conference Editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Dr. Hammond is an author of several books of merit. His residence is in Louisville.

Rev. Geo. A. Sissle, born in Lexing-



REV. EDWARD L GILLIAM,
Pastor Simpson Chapel, where the Lexington Conference is in session.

districts and is at present pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church, Paris, Ky.

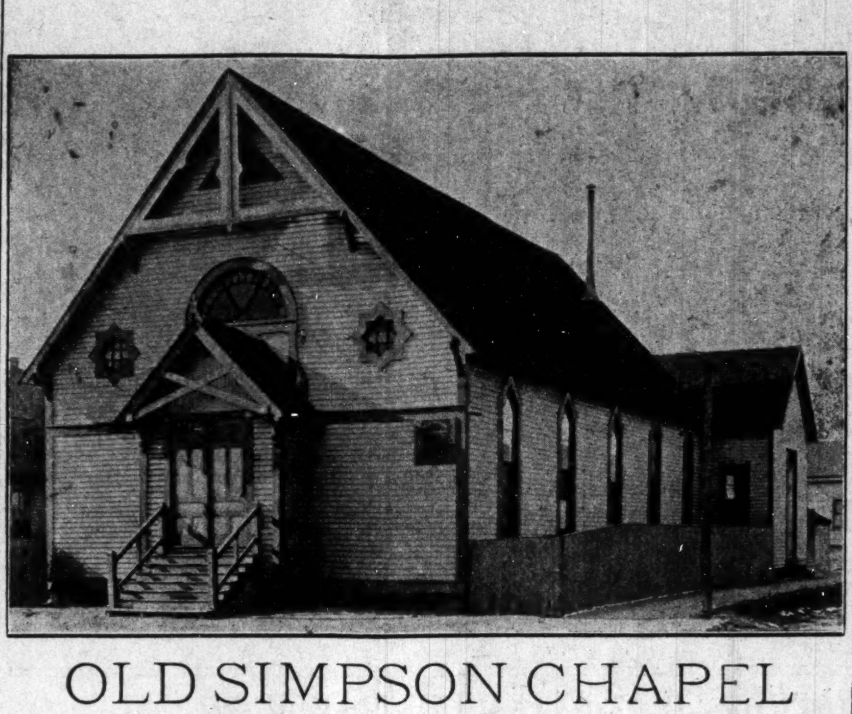
The Rev. R. E. Jones, B. D., member North Carolina Conference and business manager of Southwestern Christian Advocate, the official church paper published in New Orleans. Dr. Jones is a young man and his cut appears on the initial page of this issue of The Freeman.

The Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., member of Texas Conference, who is serving his second term as editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Dr. Scott was formerly President of Wiley University and resides in New Orleans.

ton, Ky., Aug. 28, 1852. Entered the ministry at Paris, Ky., in 1880. Served as pastor in Germantown, Ky., Sharpsburg, Ky., Paris, Ky., Springfield, O., Indianapolis, Ind., 2 years. Presiding Elder of Louisville District 6 years. Pastor of Simpson Chapel 3 years. Presiding Elder of Indiana District at Present.

Rev. E. L. Gilliam, D. D., the pastor of Simpson Chapel in which the conference is being held was born and educated in Toronto, Can. He served as Presiding Elder of the Indiana District for six years, and is a speaker and writer of ability.

M. S. Hard, secretary of the board



OLD SIMPSON CHAPEL

ence treasurer. Rev. Tate is a popular and progressive preacher, a fluent speaker and he is well liked by his brethren. He was unanimously requested to return to Columbus, Ohio, where he is building a nice six thousand dollar church.

NOTES

The Lexington Conference is just thirty-two years old, and is quite a robust young man.

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Of the charter members there are but two in the active work W L Muir and Scott Ward

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The great singers of the Conference are all gone except Henry Dupee and Cary Nicolls.

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W. H. Vaughn, J. T. Leggett, S. H. Ferguson, Lewis Robinson and J. S. Henry are the "big" men of the Con-

There are four D. D.'s; three M. D.'s four B. D.'s; three M. A.'s; two B. A.'s; fifteen college graduates and more than twenty who have completed the common and high school courses. This is a showing which will compare favorably with almost any similar body of like size, regardless of color.

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As pulpit and platform orators this Conference stands well up in the front rank. 110 out of 152 churches have Epworth League chapters. The Sunday School work is on the up grade, and there is a Sunday School in every church.

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The Conference presents a fine appearance; every preacher is well dressed, and well behaved of course.

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The Anniversaries during the week drew crowds which taxed the capacity of Simpson Chapel.

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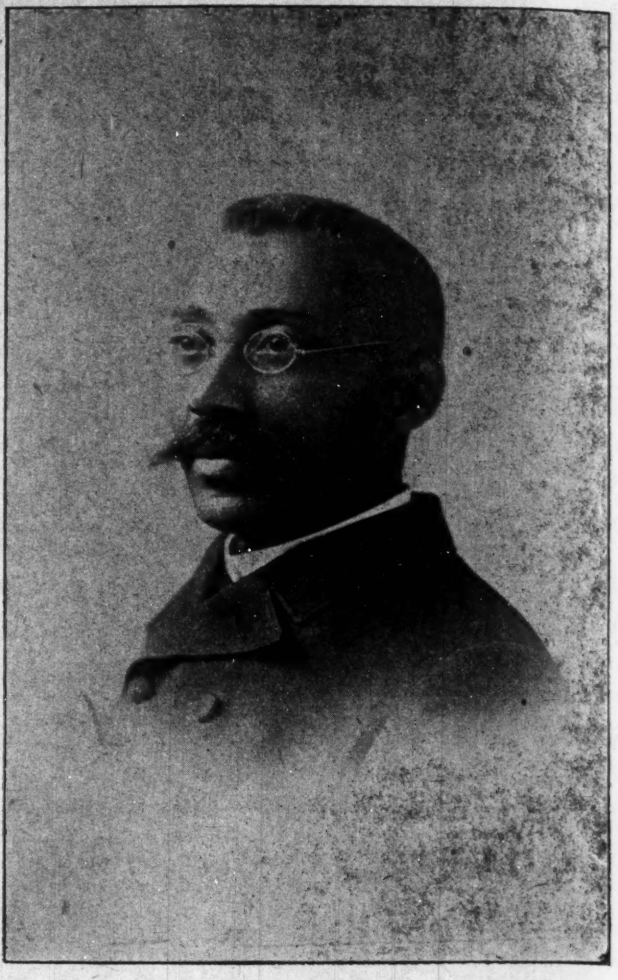
The business sessions in the forenoons



REV. GERGE A. SISSLE,
Presiding Elder Indiana District.

Special Notes.

Selma, Ala., Special.—Miss Nannie Beatty is very ill at her home on Nance street. The Nursery for Colored children is established at 417 Broad street. Appropriate Easter services will be held at all the churches, Easter Sunday.

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I. Garland Penn, is serving his second term as assistant general secretary of the Epworth League of the United States. He is well known as an author, lecturer, teacher and commissioner to the World's Fair, and also had full charge of the Negro Department at the Atlanta Exposition.

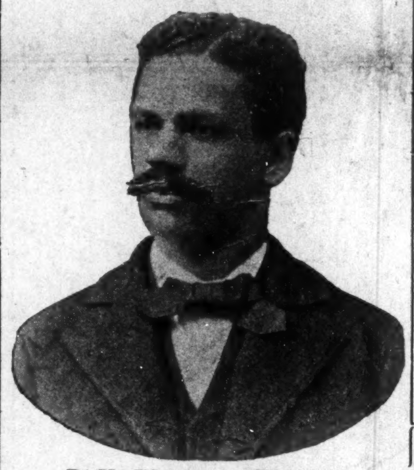
The Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., senior corresponding secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, who was also unanimously re-elected by the last General Conference. He is regarded as one of the most eloquent speakers in the country.

of church extension, and T. B. Neely, secretary of the Sunday-School Union, are among the prominent arrivals.

Rev. Elam A. White, secretary of the Lexington Conference, was born in Bethel, Ky., and came to Ohio when a small boy; was educated in Laurel, Ohio, after some special preparation in the high school of Rushelyvania, Ohio, he entered college at Green Castle, Ind. He was Delegate to last General Conference in Chicago.

Rev. White is considered an able preacher and a successful pastor—he has had three very successful years in Connersville, Ind.

Rev. Henry W. Tate, a member of the Lexington Conference since 1880.



REV. ELAM A. WHITE,
Secretary of Lexington Conference.

ference—their aggregate weight reaching the twelve hundred mark.

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What a line of heroes have gone on ahead. Look at the roll: Geo Downing, Daniel Jones, Marshall Taylor, Abraham Booker, William Johnson, Alex. McDade, Marcus McCoomer, John Jackson, Jesse Munday, Monmouth Waltor, Creed Taylor and thirty-two others—forty-three in all.

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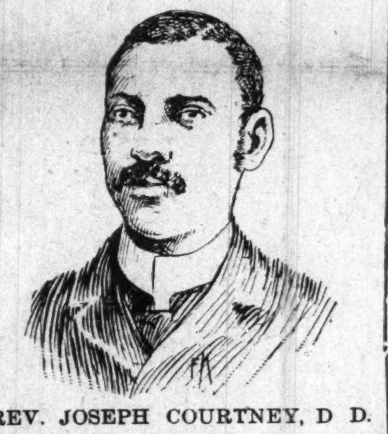
A line of new men, composed of one hundred and thirty five, now comprise the Conference membership



REV. JOSEPH COURTNEY, D D.

were strictly business, and much was done in a manner thoroughly systematic and business like. In this particular the Lexington Conference can challenge comparison with any conference or association of men, of like color.

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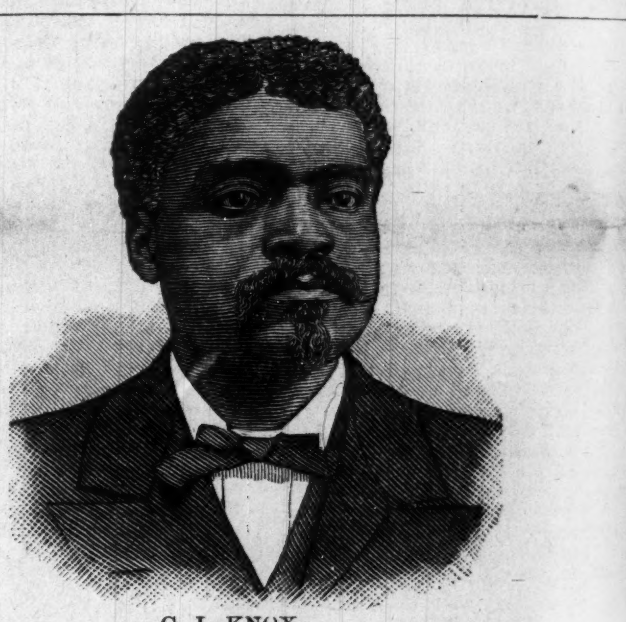
The General Conference has honored this body by the election of Dr Marshall W. Taylor and Dr E W. S Hammond as editors of the Southwestern Christian Advocate; Dr. Joseph Courtney as a director of the Freedmen's Aid and southern Education Society, and Dr. E. L Gilliam director of the Board of Insurance



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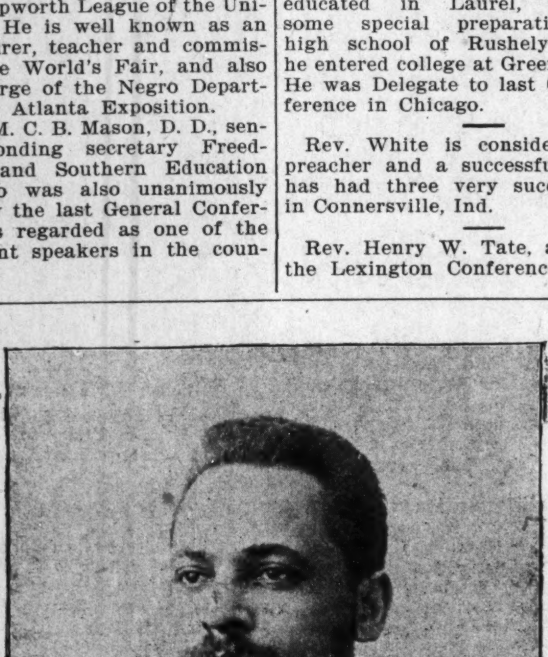
Rockford, Ill., Special.—A social was given under the auspices of A. M. E. Church Sunday School, and the following program was rendered. Greeting, Rev. S. B. Moore; vocal solo, Mrs. Woods; recitation, Juanita Carpenter; vocal solo, Miss Aline Etheridge; Farce,

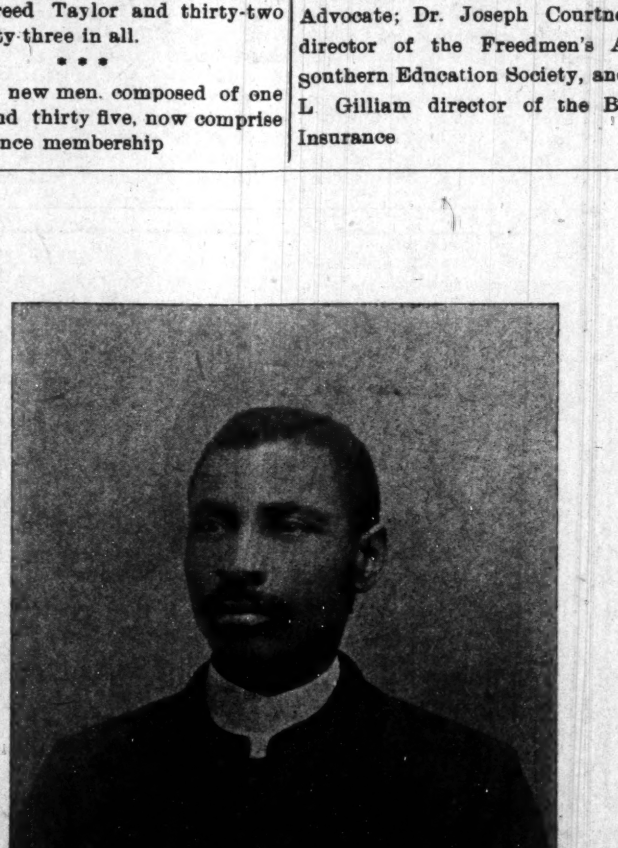


REV. T. L. FURGASON.

Bishop S. M. Merrill (white) will preside. The Rev. E. G. Gilliam is pastor of the church where the conference will be held. The Rev. G. A. Sissle is presiding elder of this district.

Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, D. D, Pre-

He was received into the Conference by Bishop M. Simpson at Paris, Ky. He has been a successful pastor. He is now successfully pastoring at Columbus, Ohio. Was secretary of the Conference, President of the Conference Epworth League—now Confer-



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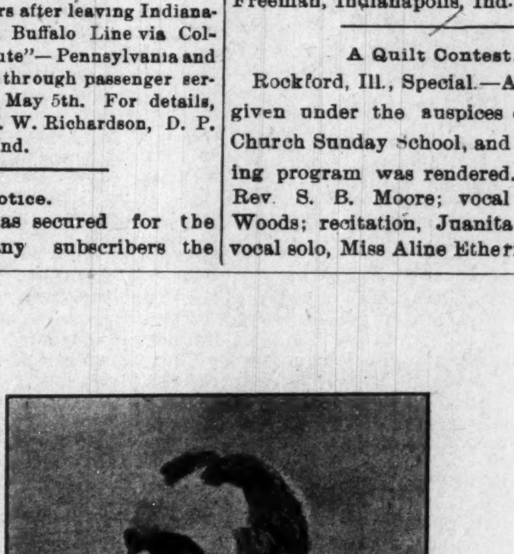

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RACIAL TROUBLES

AS VIEWED BY A SOUTHERN CAUCASIAN--A FAIR CONCEPTION OF THE RACE PROBLEM

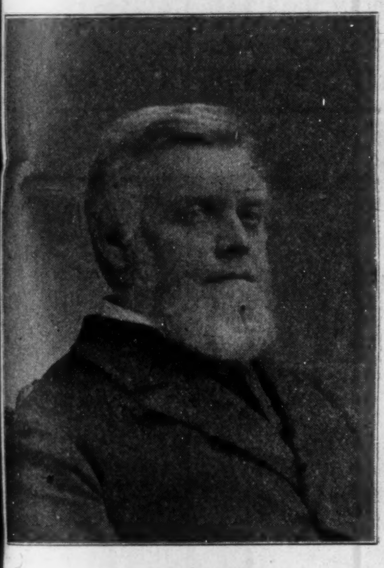
THE DUTY OF THE HOUR

Falls Upon the White Man's Shoulders as well as Those of the Negro--White Man Not an Angel

MEMPHIS, March 23.—The advance of the Negro race would have been far more rapid in the past, it would be far more rapid in the future, were it not for a problem which is inseperably linked with the problem of the Negro. No clear understanding can be had of the real difficulties the Negro has had to face, and is still facing, without a knowledge of this problem. This problem, for lack of a better name, may be called "the problem of the white." If every white man in the past had been an angel, there is little doubt that the Negro himself would be more angelic. Instead, he has for ages been the recipient of wrongs from the higher race. In only one way has the white man been generous to the Negro, and that has been in the way of giving him bad habits.

In the first place, of course, there was the wrong of slavery. And two hundred years of bondage is a thing not to be spoken of lightly when there is in question the destiny of a race. It means mental ossification for generations to come; it means degradation, it means, loss of self-respect; it means, in fact, everything that is bad. Out of that state the Negro emerged with what? Himself—absolutely nothing but his own freedom. It is true that we did give him the ballot, but then this was a thing that he did not know how to use, and was like red-hot iron in his hands. From emancipation up to the present time the Negro has had a constant struggle to live. Is it any wonder that some of the race are still ignorant, that most of them are poor, that many of them are unskilled in the ways of polite society, that a few of them occasionally commit crime? Perhaps the cry of "forty acres and a mule" would not have been so far wrong after all.

In the second place, from the day he was freed down to this the Negro has had to fight a constant battle against white prejudice. As far as the Negro is concerned, there are two classes of whites in the South; one is composed of the better and more in-



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telligent, and the other may be designated as the "mean whites." The first of these classes accepted emancipation, and strove to make the best of it. They had but little faith in the Negro's capabilities; they could not for a membent consider him in any way approaching the white, but still they had a kindly feeling for him; they were interested in him—though rarely enough so to put themselves to the trouble of seeing that he got his rights. The other class hated the Negro, and on him they vented their hate and also a part of their hate for the North. This is the class that to-day will tell you that every "nigger" is ungrateful, that every one will steal, that he has not the slightest idea of morals—their own morals are, of course, always above reproach—and that "every blanked ——ought to be shot."

The same class has been taking advantage of the Negro and maltreating him ever since. The South suffered much from carpetbag rule, which, in reality, she brought on herself, and for which the poor Negro was not responsible. But the wrongs of "reconstructed" Southerners fade into nothingness when compared with the wrongs of Negroes at the hands of Kukluxes and White Camelias.

Even to-day the Negro may be abused and his life taken almost with impunity. The hanging of a white man for murdering even the most inoffensive darkey is a thing unheard of. Said a planter from one of the western parishes of Louisiana to me some weeks ago:

"It will be generations before the feeling here in the South that the Negro is anything more than a kind of animal that has no rights a white man is bound to respect, will die out. Many comparatively reasonable men will argue that a white man ought not to be convicted for killing a Negro. A few of us feel otherwise, but we are almost powerless. To show how the feeling is, let me tell you that some years ago I was on a jury which tried a white man for murdering a Negro in cold blood. Do you know, sir, that I made many enemies, who have not forgiven me to this day, because I held out for that man's conviction and then, after he had received a light sentence, refused to sign a petition to the Governor for his immediate pardon?"

Further, to illustrate the contempt for a Negro's life, I will give a few instances chosen at random out of hundreds. One evening, some weeks ago, a Negro, in the employ of a planter, was rowing the planter's daughter across the river a short distance above New Orleans. A tugboat ran down the skiff and the girl was drowned. When the affair was investigated, the pilot, rather than allow his professional reputation to suffer, declared that he had seen the skiff, but thought it contained nobody but a "damned nigger." Another case in point is that of the so-called Charles riot in New Orleans last July. Unquestionably Charles was a desperate man, and his course can not be defended—even though the police were somewhat to blame in the inception of the affair—yet there was absolutely no justification for the mob of ruffians that paraded the streets and murdered every colored man it could find. It is but just to say that the mob's action was not approved by the best citizens, yet not one of the offenders was ever punished.

Many Southerners will tell you that these things are necessary "to hold the niggers down." Unquestionably there is a large class of blacks in the South that must be held down by an iron hand; but is there any necessity for murdering inoffensive citizens in order to accomplish this end? I have talked with hundreds of respectable Negroes, and I find that all are filled with the injustice of such a state cf affairs. They feel that with so many disadvantages, they should have strict justice at least. As it is, "the good have to suffer with the bad," they say; and even the most liberal and enlightened of them can not but feel some resentment.

Fortunately, extreme race friction is confined to a few districts, and consequently there can never be any extended race war, but in some places, as, for example, New Orleans, the people are living continually over a powder magazine which the slightest spark might set off. Knowing that no discrimination is made, and that a mob is just as likely to wreak its vengence on an innocent Negro as a guilty one, the best colored men keep their houses ready for a seige. I know of one colored minister, highly respected by the better class of whites, who keeps a Winchester rifle and several hundred cartridges in his house for protection against mob violence. Even so cool-headed a man as Dr. Henderson, than whom there is probably not a better citizen in the city, told me not long ago that he had no assurance one day that his house would not be burned down the next. The faculties of the various universities are in constant dread lest their institutions be destroyed.

Of course, there can be no question that the whites are often righteously exasperated by the doings of bad Negroes, but the trouble is, and has been said above, that the mobs often make no discrimination between the responsible party and the others of his race. If the guilty man escapes, the mob is just as likely as not to wreak its vengence upon some man who is perfectly innocent.

Such a condition of affairs has resulted in a spirit of lawlessness and a state of savagery—which I am sorry to say seems to be spreading to our own State—that exists in no other Christian country in the world. Said a Mississippi judge a few years ago: "There is but one thing in Mississippi that is cheaper than 4 cent cotton, and that is human life." The callousness of the public mind is really something awful. I know one young man who carries in his pocket a finger cut from a lynched Negro, and another young man who keeps as a souvenir of another lynching the skull of the dead man. When such a state of affairs is possible, one wonders to himself whether it may not be possible that we are relapsing into barbarism.

It is this lawless, brutal element that is responsible for a large part of the race troubles. It is an element comparable with that class of frontiersmen that has been responsible for nearly every Indian war that the country has had for 100 years. You will find it almost universally true that where the whites are law-abiding, the Negroes are also. Take the country surrounding Natchez. This section—since Natchez-under-the Hill has disappeared—is, for a Southern community, particularly intelligent and respectable. The citizens say that in their town race troubles are almost unhead of.

The plain fact is that the matter may be simmered down to this: No difference how good-natured a dog may be, a sufficient amount of kicking will make him fly at your throat, and generally it is the best dog that will do so the quickest. This applies, in a way, to the Negro situation. The Negroes in some localities have been kicked so much that they will bite whenever occasion offers. By nature most of them are good-natured and even tenderhearted, but bad treatment has made many of them sullen and desperate. Any resistance on their part is, of course, utterly futile, for in the end it is always a case of "heads I lose, tails you win" with a Negro; yet a few hardy spirits occasionally venture to show their independence, and the result is they get into trouble. Unfortunately, too, it is often the very Negro who, under another system, would be most likely to rise in the world that develops into the "bad nigger."

"How long could an Andy Jackson, were he a Negro, get along in the South?" I once asked a Southerner. "Just long enough to get himself shot," he was forced to reply.

As I have said above, the present situation is justified by some on the ground that the "nigger has to be kept in his place." And this brings me to the subject of the place that the average Southerner believes the Negro should occupy. As a servant, as a menial, most white men like the Negro pretty well. As long as he does not aspire to rise, many of them are glad to see him happy. But he must not aspire to rise. Never! The majority of Southerners have no use for an ambitious Negro.

This explains why so many of them decry Negro education, and insist that it is a failure. Said President Atkinson—an Indiana man, by the way—of New Orleans University, to me recently:

"From their point of view it is a failure. It gives him some self-respect; it leads him to try to better his condition. Often by making him more intelligent, it makes it more difficult for the unscrupulous to take advantage of him. They say that it makes him above menial labor, but is not this the result of education on the most white men? Often I have an opportunity to see how the thing works right here around me. Many of our pupils pay a part of their expenses by doing work for the people around us. As a rule, our boys and girls are not afraid of work, but they do insist on being treated like human beings. They object to sleeping over stables or in any otner hole their employer may choose to put them. One case which came to my notice recently will illustrate the whole situation. A lady from one of the residences near us—the university is in St. Charles street in the most aristocratic part of the city—engaged the services of one of our girls. When the girl reached the lady's house she at once asked to be shown the room she was to occupy. The lady, however, told her to wait until evening, and then she would do so. When evening came the girl again made the same request, and what do you suppose that lady did? She took the girl out to the barn, and showed her a small room which was separated from the men servants' by a thin board partition only about six feet in height.

"'But madam,' said the girl, 'it would be impossible for me to stay here, I think too much of my good name to sleep in such a plaee as this.'

"The lady looked at her in astonishment for a moment, and then snapped out: 'Well, for a nigger, I think you are getting considerably stuck up!'

"She then offered to give the girl a room in the attic, but said she could not be allowed to have a lamp. As it was necessary that the girl study at night, such an arrangement was, of course, impossible, so the girl gave up the situation. Yes, from the point of view of most whites, I suppose that their education is a failure."

The fact is, unfortunately, that the South has never fully realized that the only way to solve the Negro problem is to make the Negro a man. Deep down in the Southern heart there still lingers the old feeling that the Negro was expressly created by the Almighty to be servant to the white. . Having learned little and forgotten less, the majority of Southerners stubbornly refuse to see that blind adherence to this principle, with all that it has entailed, is responsible for the South being fifty years behind the North, and they will suicidally hold to the same old theory.

This feeling has in the last few yers revealed itself in a decided reaction against the Negro's rights as a citi-

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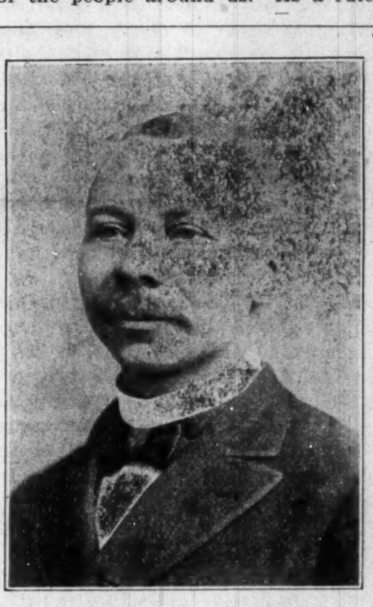

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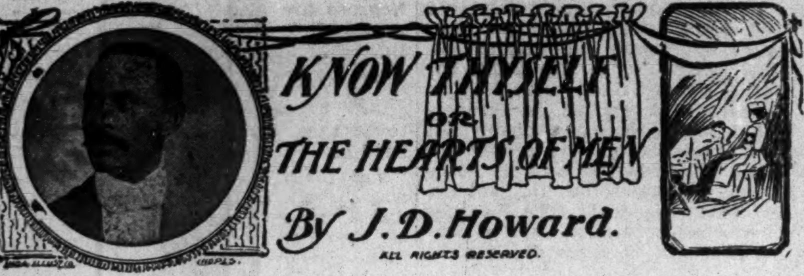

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Standing directly at the head of the cot was a tall handsome young man with dark hair; his eyes were bent in pitying glances upon the wasted features of the man who lay dying upon the cot. His arms were folded across his breast as if he was in profound thought. The other two men in the room were ordinary looking individuals. They had been deputized by the jailer to attend the invalid.

As Gladys entered the room the handsome stranger advanced.

"Beg pardon but, are you Miss Gray?" he said in a hushed voice.

"I am," replied Gladys.

"I thought so. Jack has told me all," he said. "I am Shirley Moreland; an old friend of Jack's. He has dozed off in a nap; the first since my arrival, late last night; it would be cruel to awaken him. I am in hope that this sleep may refresh him."

He noislessly placed a chair by the side of the couch and motioned her to sit down. Seating herself in the chair, she mechanically took one of Jack's withered hands tenderly within her own, and bending over the pale wan face, she imprinted a long, lingering kiss upon the parched, shriveled lips. Strange to say, her actions were unaccompanied by any outward demonstration of sentiment whatever; not a line in her face was ruffled as she gazed upon the pallid countenance of the man who had been the crowning passion of her life. Not a tear bedimmed her beautiful eyes. Her's was a sorrow too deep to be vented or appeased in tears.

After a pause of a few moments, she raised her eyes to Moreland; there was a deep, inquiring expression in them; she was endeavoring to descry something about him that might be associated with the general character of the men whom Jack classed as friends. "Surely this was not one of the 'gang.'" Her face cleared. She had forgotten the gentleman had said that he was—"an old frind" of Jack's; oh, she saw it all, this then was a friend of his better days; one who had known him before he entered upon his career of crime.

The kiss Gladys had imprinted upon the sick man's lips seemed to have thrilled him with sensations, so acute that he was thrown into a perturbed restlessness, which finally culminated in his complete awaking. As he opened his hollow, sunken eyes the first object upon which they rested was the kindly face of the woman who, for many weeks, had haunted his feverish dreams, bendtenderly over him.

"G-l-a-d-y-!" he whispered, stretching forth his lean arms as though he would embrace her. He was too weak to accomplish his purpose however, and sank back upon the couch exhausted by the attempt. The strain resulting from the efforts threw him into spasmodic coughing; the harsh stridulous sound was indeed most painful to his friends. Gladys applied the delicate linen 'kerchief she held in her hand to the fever-cracked lips, gently absorbing the blood that oozed out of his mouth and trickled down his chin. He soon rallied from the effects of this exacerbation, and extending his hand, motioned Gladys to bend over him that she might hear what he had to say.

"I am so glad—you—have come," he said; his voice had become almost a whisper. "I had begun to despair of your arrival—before—before the end!—I can go now, with—with scarcely a regret!—My last wish has been gratified.

"Jack!—tell me, how stands the case with your soul?" Murmured Gladys; slipping her hand beneath his head and bending closer, looking wistfully into the blurred, expressionless eyes.

A pleasing smile flitted across his features.

"All—is well—all—is well!" he said "It was a narrow escape; I shall be at rest, and I—I—want you—to meet me there." Here he raised his eyes Heavenward. "I am glad to have done with it all—and will welcome—the end!"

His breathing gradually grew more difficult and he was forced to pause between his remarks that his expressions might be articulate. During one of these momentary pauses his eyes fell upon the red cross which Gladys wore pinned to the bosom of her dress. Noticing the puzzled look that clouded his features upon discovering the cross, Gladys hastily explained the cause of its being there. The dying man lay listening to her narrative with an expression of soulful rapture in his eyes; when she had done, he softly whispered: "Heaven by praised, we shall meet beyond the Grave!" Holding out his hand he continued: "Give me that cross."

Gladys unpinned it from her bosom and handed it to him. "This," said he raising it reverently to his lips, "I want buried with me, that I may carry with me to the tomb the emblem of your reformation — and — now — good-bye! — 'Deacon,'" he whispered, turning to Moreland; "this is her of whom you have heard me speak as 'my wife;' she was so—in the eyes of men— and—and I should have made her such—in the sight of Heaven had I lived. Always be her friend. Let my faults and mistakes rest with me in the grave!"

After wandering his eyes about the room, as if bidding adieu to all, they slowly closed, as one who drifts into a pleasant slumber, and a moment later all was over; the burdened soul was free; Jack Ashton—was dead!

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RACIAL TROUBLES

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zen. Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina have practically disfranchised him, and Alabama and other States are about to do so. Nor, I fear will the reaction stop at disfranchisement. The failure of Congress to enforce that clause of the fourteenth amendment which provides for reduced representation in case of disfranshisement has, in some respects, unquestionably had a bad effect in the South. Hitherto Negrophobists have not dared to meddle with the Negro's rights by legislation, because he was the nation's ward. At last, however, the "nigger-haters" feel that their opportunity has come. "Now," they exult, "the nigger is going to be put in his place." How far the reaction will be carried is uncertain, but I find that nearly all intelligent Negroes regard the future with much apprehension. Present indications lead an observer to believe that the practical abolition of Negro schools and the passing of laws that will reduce the blacks to a condition of villainage even lower than they now occupy are by no means improbable in some States.

I realize that this is a somewhat darker outlook than is taken by some writers—notably Booker T. Washington—but I am confident that my position is the correct one. As a matter of fact, I find that most intelligent Negroes, while conscious of Mr. Washington's great ability, feel that he often misrepresents the situation by making it seem brighter than it really is. One of the most intelligent Negroes in the country said to me not long ago:

"I am a sincere friend and admirer of Mr. Washington, and I feel that he is the greatest man we have; yet, at the same time, I can not help feeling that either he is ignorant of the real state of affairs or else he purposely ignores the dark side. Too often he collects a few favorable facts and from them draws sweeping conclusions that are, in reality, not warranted. Not infrequently has it happened that he has played into the hands of our enemies. Mr. Washington's work is all right, but he certainly does not portray the actual condition of affairs down here."

The reaction is by no means confined to the South; it reveals itself in nearly all parts of the country. The revulsion of feeling among those who have hitherto been regarded as the Negro's friends is not difficult to explain. At the time of emancipation Northerners too often credited the newly-made freed man with many virtues he was far from possessing, and they made the mistake of supposing that it would require but a short time for him to reach the level of the white. Americans are by nature an impatient people, who desire to see big results quickly. Because the freed man has not almost at once attained our high stage of civilization, many persons have been led to conclude that the effort to uplift him is useless; and because some Negroes have proved themselves unworthy, they condemn the whole race. The result is that at present there is a decided tendency to go to the opposite extreme and place the Negro lower than he deserves.

Of course, both views are wrong. The Negro is neither an angel nor a brute. He is simply a man, who, because of misfortunes of environment extending back through hundreds of years, has been unable to cast off the "brute inheritance" so successful as his cousin of paler skin. Before condemning him, we should not forget the disadvantages under which he has struggled in the past, nor should we forget the many, but less understood, disadvantages under which he struggles in the present.

The average Negro who has grown up since the war has really had but few opportunities for advancement. Born, in all probability, of ignorant parents whose experience in slavery was wholly opposed to anything like a pure family life; reared in a one-roomed cabin with a dirt floor and no furniture save a few cooking utensils, a stool or two, a rickety table and one or two rude beds, constantly reminded that he is of an inferior race, from which little is to be expected—how can such a being have that saving self-respect that leads men to live uprightly, or any but the faintest glimmerings of what is best in the human soul?

But, after all, there is a bright side. The problem must long continue to be a grave one, yet it will at last be solved. Reaction may come, but it will spend its force. Already there is a class of Southern white men that have the welfare of the Negro sincerely at heart, and is willing to recognize true worth, without regard to color line. A healthy spirit is also manifest among the colored leaders. They have given up insisting on a social equality which is contrary to nature, and are now directing their efforts, even with pride, toward the separate development of their race. Most encouraging of all, they are preaching the gospel of work, of respectability, of good citizenship, of success through merit. Nor has the misfortune of their environment prevented thousand of Negroes from proving themselves men. And even the condition of those in the depths is more tolerable than it would seem, for happily, the Negro race is wonderfully endowed with an almost unfailing cheerfulness, which, despite their lowly condition, renders them one of the happiest peoples on the globe.—Indianapolis News.

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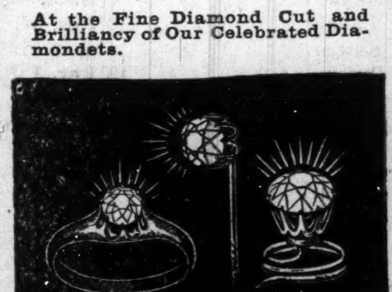

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